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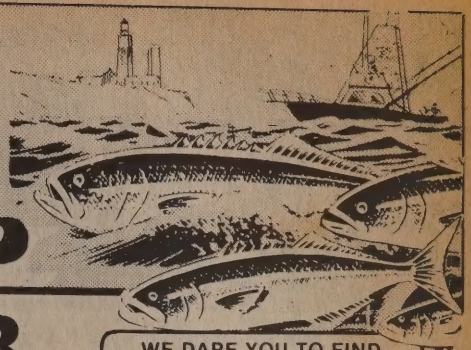

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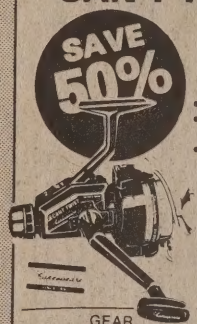

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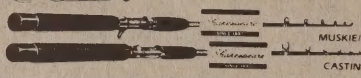

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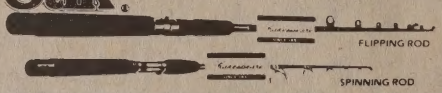

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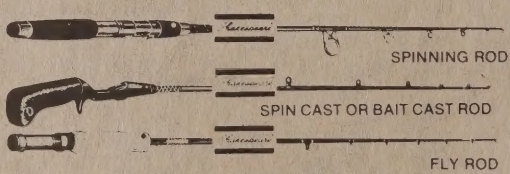

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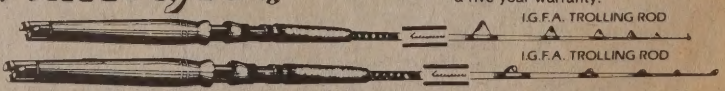

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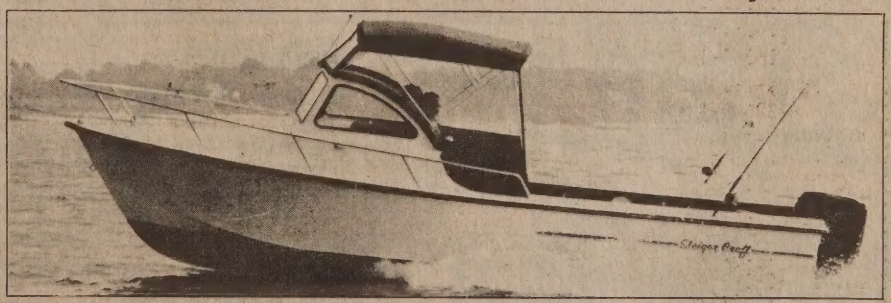

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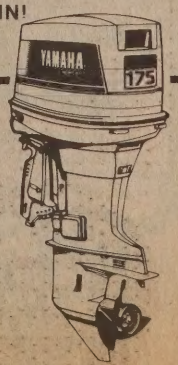

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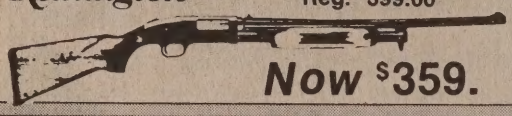

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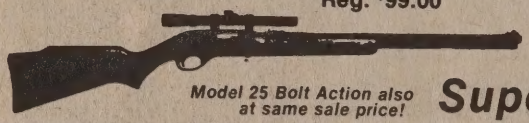

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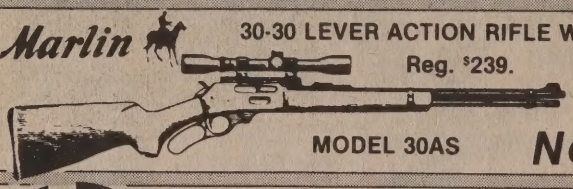

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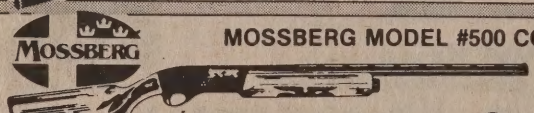

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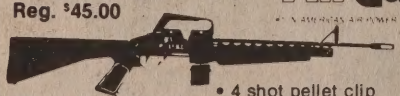

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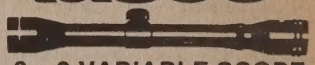

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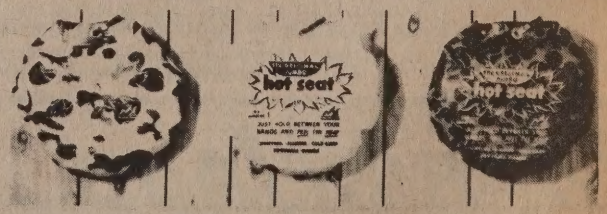

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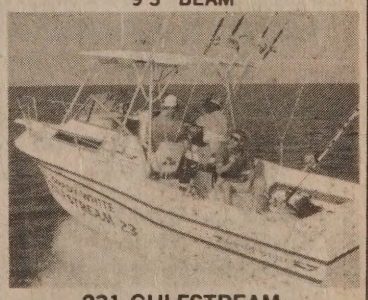

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STRIPER BAN PROTEST SLATED FOR EAST END

—by Fred Golofaro—

The anger and confusion created by the lack of a minimal striped bass bag limit for recreational anglers, continues to simmer. The issue is far from being forgotten and in fact, is currently being fueled by the fall season, when more than at any time during the year, the striper is king.

And while recreational anglers of all types are going about, attempting to cope with what many feel has been an injustice, one group particularly hard pinched by the ban, is sending a loud and clear message to Albany.

East end charter boat captains have red lettered Wednesday, October 15th as the day to "protest" the current ban, which has all but wiped out the fall season for most skippers. According to Captain John DeMaio of the Montauk Captain's Association, the object of the protest is to send a direct message to Governor Cuomo. The vast majority of the recreational industry feel strongly that it was Cuomo who saw fit to trade off the rights of anglers to make the ban more palatable to commercial fishermen. The issue of "political favors" has also been alluded to as the reason for no bag limit by some of those with close ties to east end politics.

According to DeMaio, "this is a perfect opportunity for anglers to support the rights of sport fishermen." To say "Hey, there are a lot of us out here and we demand to be heard." "This should benefit everyone who is in favor of a one-fish bag limit," added the Montauk skipper.

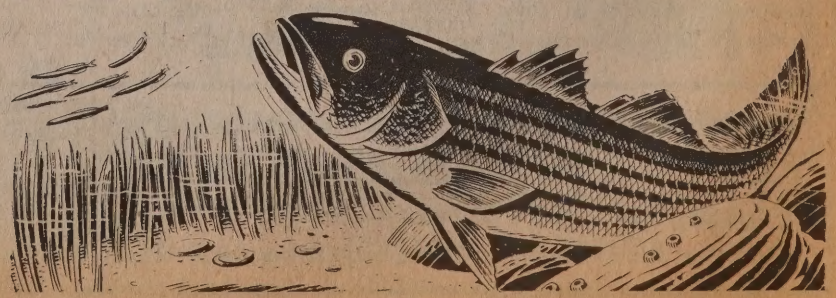
The focal point of the demonstration is, of course, the need for a minimal bag limit, but it could also serve as a rallying point for unity among recreational fishermen. Organizers of the protest stress the importance of a good turnout and are calling on all anglers who feel they have been shortchanged by the ban, to show up at Montauk Marine Basin on October 15th. Trailer boatmen are urged to join the fleet that day as well.

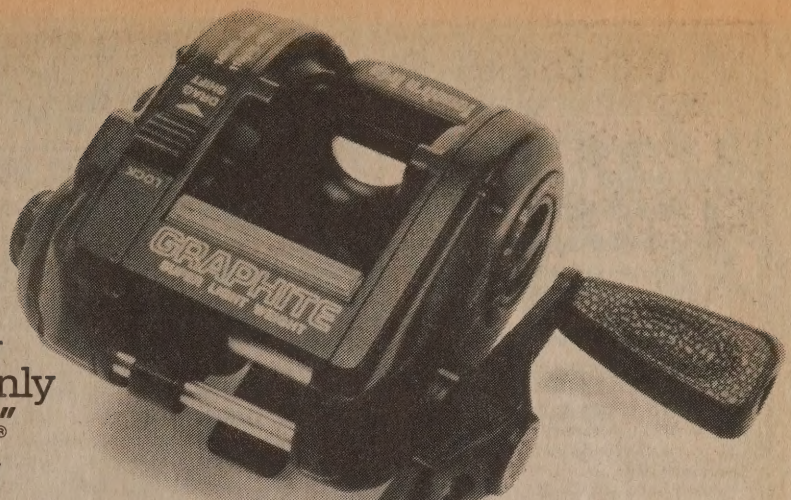
There are numerous rumors floating about that some skippers, frustrated over the ban and the lack of charter bookings, plan to "toss a bass or two" on the dock to emphasize their plight. It is our understanding that law enforcement officers from the Department of Environmental Conservations will be on hand.

It has become increasingly clear that recreational anglers do not buy Albany's concerns of PCB contamination as justification for not allowing a bag limit. Particularly since a Great Lake's fishery, supported and promoted by the NYS DEC, continues to thrive despite health advisories which warn anglers to eat **none** of the trout or salmon taken from these waters.

Any management arguments have long since been washed down the drain as the ban on commercial sale and harvest has eliminated any immediate threat to the species. Any fisheries manager worth his salt knows what the elimination of the striper from the marketplace means to the management of striped bass stocks. The high value commanded by bass at the market combined with a commercial rod and reel and net philosophy of catch all you can—while you can, resulted in a total lack of management of the species. However temporary, that threat has been eliminated by the PCB ban on commercial sale and harvest.

Sadly, aside from the PCB ban, there is no real "management" criteria in effect concerning commercial harvest. How ironic if after all of this season's hullabaloo, recreational fishermen were granted a one fish bag limit next season (down from two fish in '85) while commercial fishermen, once free from the PCB ban, could conceivably return to business as usual.





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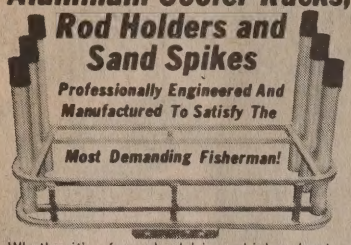

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Williams revealed the results of a survey of 38,000 fishermen which emphasized both the importance of sport fishing to the economy and the dramatic restoration of the Lake Erie and Lake Ontario fisheries from their degraded condition in the mid-1960s to the most important freshwater fisheries in the northeast.

Williams noted that while recreational and economic gains have taken place, the problem of contaminants in fish is still a matter of concern. "As New York's efforts to clean up pollution of the Great Lakes moves forward, we can expect even greater returns to the economy and angler enjoyment in the future," Williams said. A health advisory from the State Health Department concerning consumption of fish from New York waters is published in the fishing guide which is given free to all persons purchasing a fishing license in New York State.

The survey, conducted in the 1984 fishing season, indicates that persons from out of state made 200,000 fishing trips in New York waters of the Great Lakes while New Yorkers made more than one million trips. Lake Erie anglers made more than 325,000 fishing trips and Lake Ontario fishermen more than 900,000.

"In 1984, Great Lakes anglers spent a phenomenal $41.5 million while on fishing trips," Williams said. "This figure is an underestimate of total economic benefits derived from the fishery because it **only** includes money spent while on an actual fishing trip.

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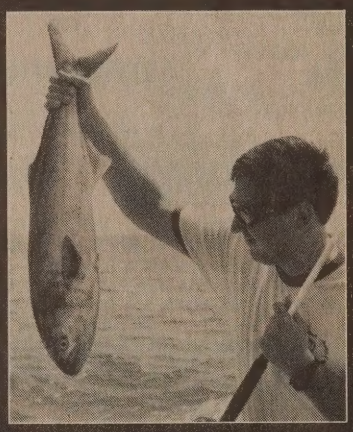

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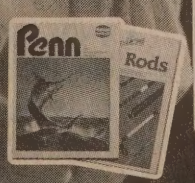

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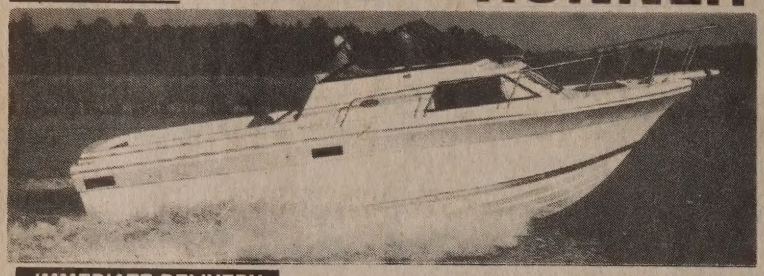

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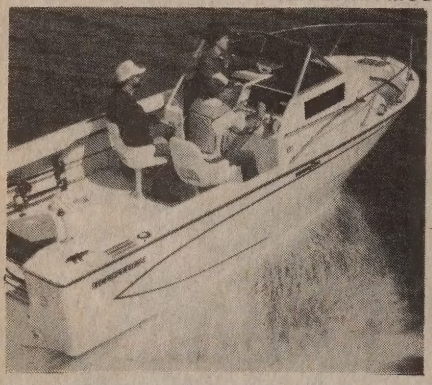

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generated about $31.3 million in local trip expenditures. A significant portion of those dollars are "new" money to New York State. Non-resident anglers spent more than $10.4 million while fishing in New York's Great Lakes waters. New York resident anglers spent an average of $29.58 per fishing trip while non-residents spent $52.78 per trip.

Non-resident expenditures alone generated by the fishery are about five times the department's annual Great Lakes fishery budget. The economic impact of just non-resident use makes Great Lakes fishery management one of New York's most cost-effective programs. "Considering the total impact of recreational and economic benefits, Great Lakes fishery development is a proven winner," Williams said.

The department initiated its Great Lakes fishery development program in 1968. New York's program is conducted in cooperation with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan. The recently completed Great Lakes angler survey was conducted through the joint efforts of DEC, FWS and the Cornell University Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit.

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In a unique solution to an urban problem, Sea School at Oyster Bay, on Long Island, has scheduled full length charter boat license prep courses to run on two successive weekends.

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The Long Island classes are scheduled as follows: Lynbrook, October 25-25 and November 1-2; Sag Harbor, November 8-9 and 15-16; Woodbury, December 6-7 and 13-14; Sayville, January 17-18 and 24-25.

The Connecticut and New Jersey classes are scheduled as shown: Stamford, Ct., October 4-5 and 11-12; New Haven, Ct., November 8-9 and 15-15; New London, Ct., December 6-7 and 13-14; and Toms River, NJ, January 17-18 and 24-25.

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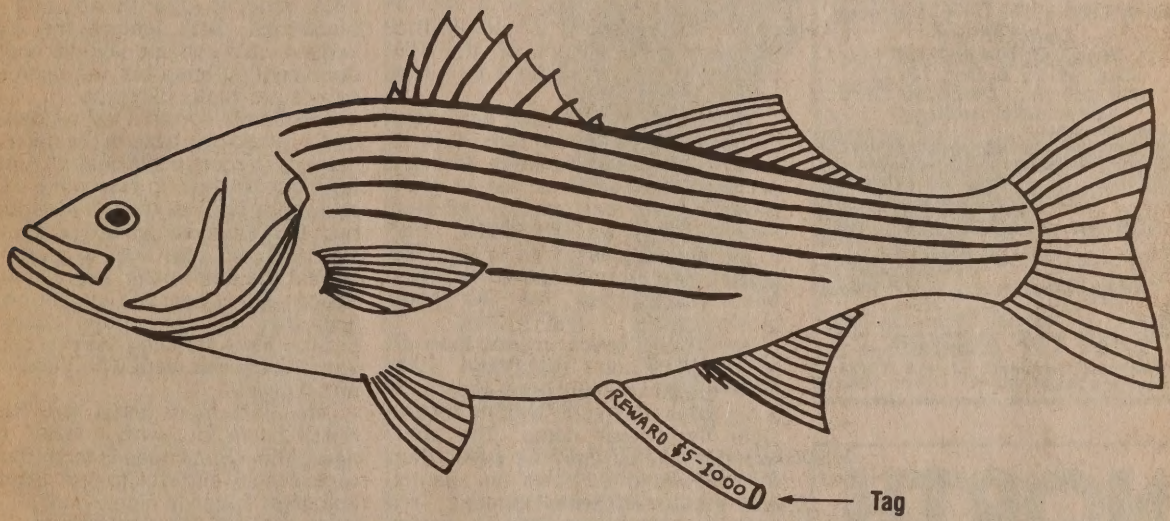

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We hit the wreck in less than an hour and despite the tough seas, never banged the hull once. Riding off a big swell was eerie waiting for the slam that never came. The stern would gently cut into the water, then the bow would fall down, also gently, and the speed never faltered. This boat is definitely a canyon runner suited for the worst of seas from Hatteras to New England.

With 230 gallons of fuel, she's capable of fast runs to any offshore fishing grounds with enough reserve fuel for a full day's trolling. Engine options include twin outboards, twin Sea Drives, twin gas inboard and twin diesel inboards. The outboards and Sea Drives will obviously give the most speed, yet the factory claims the Volvo diesel inboards will cruise in the 30 knot range which is no slow poke for an inboard boat.

The Black Fin 27 is available in two deck versions: the Combi and the Fisherman. Both feature the same deep vee hull, engine layouts and aft deck configuration but the helm and cabins are vastly different.

The Combi sports a full windshield and a raised overhead in the cabin for more head room while seated. A head is hidden on the port side while a sink and vanity is to starboard. A settee is built into the main deck to port with a sink and bait prep area to starboard behind the helm chair. For overnight canyon fishermen, the engine boxes with their thickly padded cushions provide more sleeping area so necessary in-between wars with yellowfins and bigeyes.

The Fisherman model also has a cuddy cabin, but with a lower overhead. The marine head is to starboard with a vanity and sink to port. Storage and shelf space is nicely built-in. The helm controls are mounted into the starboard engine box which places the captain well aft and very close to the fishing action. Sharkers and day tripping bluefishermen should really like this setup.

Forward of the engine boxes is a wide open space on each side that can be customized to suit the angler. Large coolers can fit here with

cushions for seating or tackle cabinets with full seating can be built in for maximum storage and sleeping areas.

Many manufacturers will try to impress potential buyers by displaying a section of the hull to show how thick it is. This does indicate overall construction quality, but the real bench mark is the workmanship and detail in the boat. Black Fin can show you hull plugs that are as thick or thicker than everyone else's, yet a careful inspection of the fit of the molded decks, the teak cabinetry and the neat cabins are all better indicators of top-notch craftsmanship. Lift the engine boxes and you'll quickly appreciate the neat wiring harnesses and ample access to stuffing boxes, steering assemblies and sea cocks.

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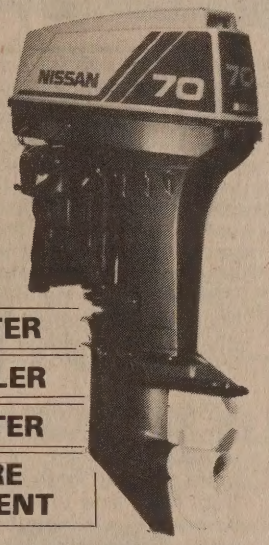

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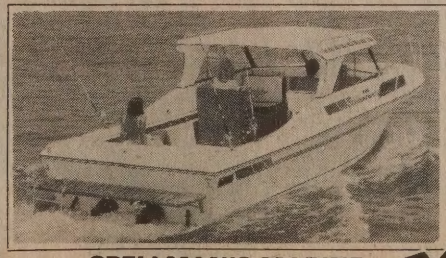

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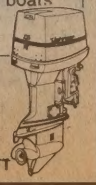

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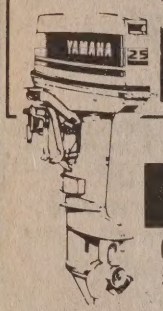
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ZEBCO UL3 SPIN CAST REEL

by Leon Mandell

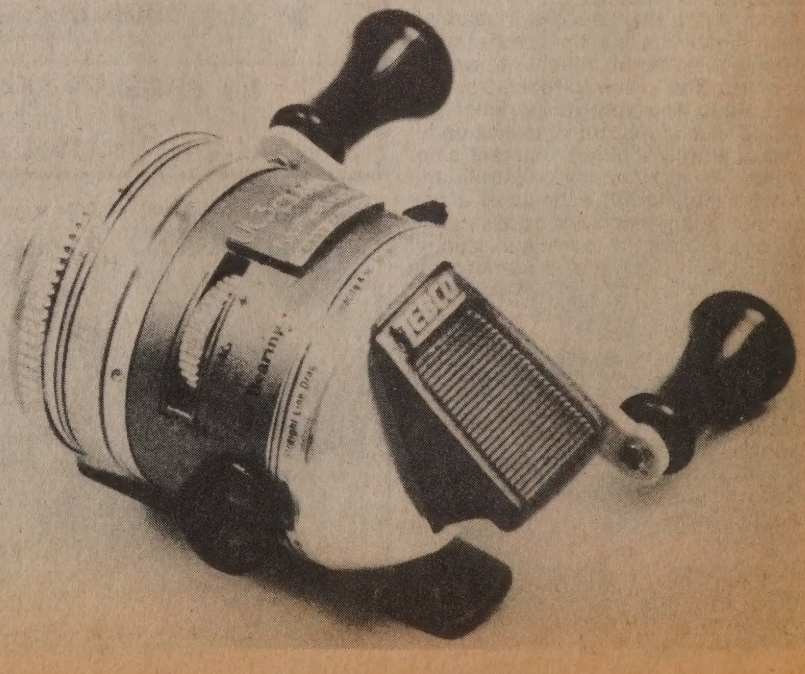
You will like the ease of fishing for long hours with the new Zebco Ultra Lite UL3 Classic spin casting reel. And what's more, you'll have enough energy left to tackle the lawn which you should have mowed last night, but put off doing. This has been a good season for me using Ultra Lite equipment because I have taken more fish. Not larger; but more in number. I credit the equipment for my pleasure, because an average size fish gives more of a thrill and battle on light tackle.

Zebco's new Ultra Lite reel weighs a mere 4.1 ounces, yet it boasts a fast retrieve gear ratio of 4.1:1. Furthermore, you can interchange the handle from right side to left in 15 seconds. Your choice which hand reels and which hand controls the rod. Small as it is for easy palming, this ultra lite UL3 Classic holds 90 yards of 4 pound test monofilament line and not much less if you prefer 6 pound test for heavier lures or fishing rougher waters.

The outstanding feature of this new spin casting reel Zebco has trademarked "Feather Touch," is a mechanical control that puts precise casting acuracy in the hands of even inexperienced anglers. This same Feather Touch is also built into their regulation size spincasting reel with all the same features as the Ultra Lite UL3 and labeled #33 Classic. The regular size Classic holds 100 yards of 10 pound monofilament line, weighs 8 ounces and balances nicely with a 5½ foot rod (#1741). Zebco has sold over 20 million of the #33 reel before they improved it with Feather Touch and called it Classic. You will find this a superb medium spincast reel for all freshwater fishing except salmon and pike.

For live bait fishermen, Feather Touch allows you to cast without snapping your bait off. You will find this tiny reel will give you surprising distance even casting into the face of a gale so strong you have to turn around to spit. And *no* backlashes!

Feather Touch (F.T.) allows you to target a lure with the same accuracy you get with your level wind reels. Here's how it works. The thumbing



button is the same. Press it in to cast and the feathering device engages outrunning line gently as it starts to control it. Now you add more thumb pressure to slow the lure and bring it down on target.

The advantage of this Feather Touch over regular spincasting reels is that it gives you an accuracy without jerking the lure backward when you press the thumb button after release. It is superior to the baitcasting reels because you can't get a backlash no matter what size lure you cast. There is no over-control. Thumb feathering lands the lure gently. You can cast lures from 1/16 ounce upwards. Now when your lure hits the water your line is free of slack, so you are ready to set the hook on that quick strike. No more losing the "one that got away" while you're taking up slack line. And isn't that "one" always larger than the ones now on your stringer? That's how they get big. Hit the lure on a slack line.

As for open-face spinning, which often burps up a glob of line in circles which are as bad as bait casting bird's nests and just as hard to untangle, Feather Touch beats them because it keeps tension on the line both casting and on the retrieve. This is the secret of the smooth casting on UL3 with no globs.

Another feature I like on this ultra lite reel is the adjustable straight line drag which Zebco claims to be the best in the industry. You can rotate with one finger the cog on top of the reel toward a plus sign up if you want more drag or down if you want to give your quarry more ease to run.

Zebco was orginally the Zero Hour Bomb Co. In 1949 they called their first spinning reel the Standard. It looked like a Bud can with a hole in front to let the line out and a hole in back to feather the line with the thumb. As they improved their reels, they put a thumb button in back and discarded the revolving head in front. Today's Zebco UL3 is a true state-of-the-art reel built of graphite composite housing with stainless steel fore and aft. Nothing to rust or corrode, light in weight yet durable.

The UL3 has a direct line pick-up for good control. Although this reel is not much larger than a golf ball and weighs only 4.1 ounces it is a fine piece of machinery with a ball bearing drive and fast retrieve gear ratio of 4.1:1. The helical gear system teams up with a strong cut brass pinion. Match this up with Zebco's Ultra Lite rod #1703 (2 piece graphite composite) and you have a balanced outfit that will contradict the ad that says lite is less filling. You'll find this little reel will *fill* your stringer and winch in some big fish.

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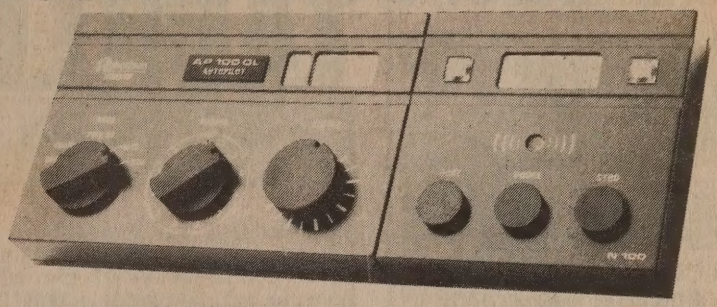

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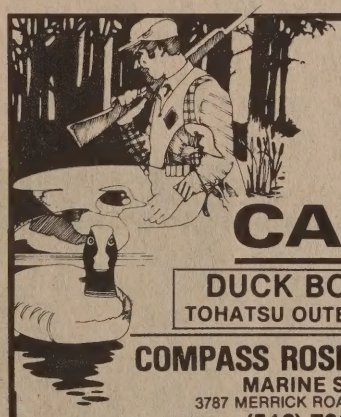

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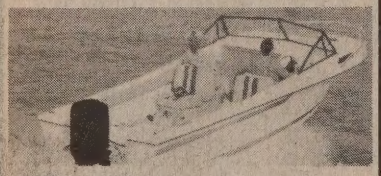

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I am interested in purchasing a Loran C unit for my 21 foot center console, but I find the selection I have to choose from truly mind-boggling. As compact size is important to me, I like the King 8001-01 and the SRD Labs Pal unit. Have you had any experience with, or gotten any reader response on either of these Lorans?

R. Joseph.

Dear Mr. Joseph:

I have had some experience with the King 8001 and it was favorable. As to the SRD Pal unit, I am sorry but I have not used it and there has not been any reader input—good or bad—concerning the product.

I would say, however, that with today's technology and the manufacturers guarantees, you really can't go to far off base when purchasing any name brand unit.

The King 8001 has been on a friend's boat for a full season and judging by his statements as to the service he is getting from the unit, I'd have to say it is a well made product for the price.

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Dear Doc,

I've heard that the side cast reels will give greater distance with a lot less effort. Have you personally tried the side casters and what's your honest opinion of them for practical use in surf and jetty fishing? I do not want to spend a small fortune to purchase a reel that isn't practical for the kind of fishing I do. Thanks in advance for your help.*Bill Smith.*

Dear Bill,

I, too, became interested in the side casters after trying to heave half ounce plastic plugs into the teeth of a northeaster. They do allow greater ease in casting and for many surf and jetty situations the side cast reel is a very practical tool.

The reel we used (and still have) was an Alvey model #55-C5 which was mated to a Lamiglas #AR-9I-9' rod that is designed to be used with the side cast reel.

I like the outfit although it is some-

There are many good Loran C units on the market.

what costly. The rod lists for about $100 and the reel sells for approximately $75. Whether or not the purchase cost is justified is something you must determine.

Casting with the longer rod (ours measures 9 feet) took a little getting used to and the fact that the reel must be turned to the side position with each cast and then repositioned to retrieve line was also a drawback when first learning how to use the outfit.

There is definitely a place in the overall surf and jetty fishing scene for the side caster. I loaded my Alvey with 12 lb. test monofilament line and it does give much greater casting distance. This alone makes it a worthwhile addition to any jetty jock's arsenal for there are times when it is necessary to reach out to the fish and the side caster will definitely fill the bill in a situation such as that.

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Dear Doc,

I do a lot of bottom fishing and invariably my snaps, swivels and hooks rust or corrode after only a short time. I know this seems a minor problem, but it is driving me wacky. I don't want to keep on buying new snaps, swivels, three ways, connecting links and hooks if there is a way I can keep my present rigs in service for a longer time. *Henry Glaser.*

Dear Henry,

You are right; it is a minor problem. Saltwater is not kindly on tackle. Corrosion is always at work and will quckly ruin many items that are used in day to day fishing. I would not bother trying to salvage rusted hooks for they are the least costly item in a saltwater angler's bag of tricks.

Snap swivels, three ways and connectors can be sprayed with a rust inhibitor such as WD40, CRC, LPS or any of the other fine products currently being marketed through sporting goods outlets, auto parts stores or bait and tackle shops. If spraying the items does not remove the corrosion you might try soaking the terminal equipment in Coca-Cola or any of the above listed products.

After the corrosion is removed, wash the pieces in warm soapy water to remove any leftover residue from the chemicals so there is no smell to frighten fish from your baits.

Any snap, swivel or connector that's seen a birthday or two has given fair value and should be retired. I really cannot see where it is beneficial to attempt cleaning very old terminal rigging, for replacement costs are minimal. You can probably buy enough snaps, swivels, three ways and connector links to last a full season for less than the price of a dozen sand worms. Don't be penny wise and pound foolish for the sake of a couple dollars. If you lose a trophy fish because a snap opened or a swivel separated, you won't be able to forgive your reluctance to spend a couple dollars for new, and stronger terminal equipment.

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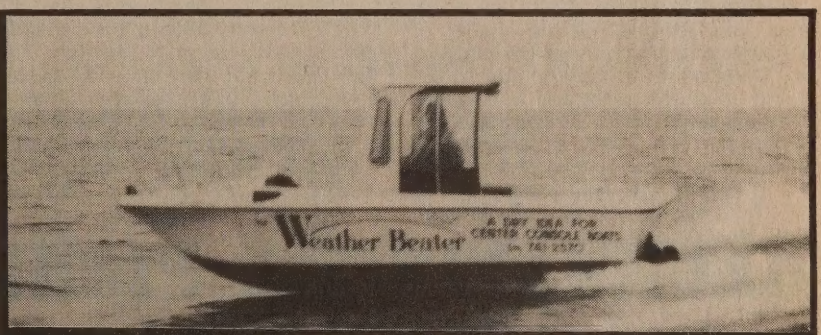

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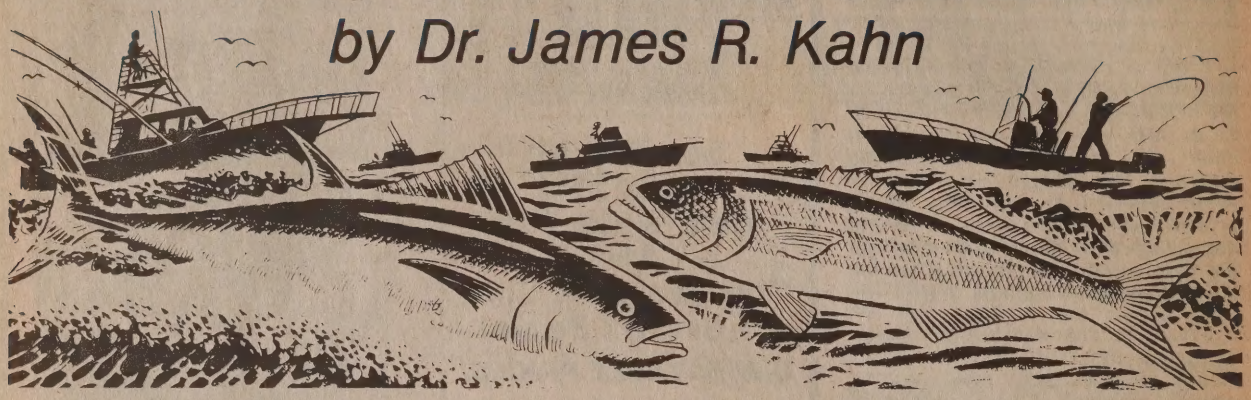
ECONOMIC VALUE OF RECREATIONAL FISHING

by Dr. James R. Kahn



Are you satisfied with the quality of Long Island's saltwater recreational fishing?

Should the South Shore inlets be dredged and improved?

Should more launching ramps, fishing piers and artificial reefs be constructed?

Should commercial fishing access to some species be limited?

Should more money be spent to clean up pollution in the bays?

In order to answer the above questions (and to improve the quality of recreational fishing in Long Island), it is necessary to be able to say something about the costs and benefits of the various actions, such as reducing pollution. The costs of affirmative answers to those questions are fairly easy to calculate. For example, industry can very quickly say something about the magnitude of the costs they would face in cleaning up pollution. However, it is much more difficult to quantify the benefits of recreational fishing and how those benefits increase or decrease as the quality of recreational fishing increases or decreases.

In order that these resource management decisions be made with the appropriate types of information, the State University of New York at Binghamton, with fundings from the New York Sea Grant Institute and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, has undertaken a study to quantify these values.

In cooperation with The Long Island Fisherman we are conducting an additional survey in order to strengthen the data base from which the analysis is performed. We would like you to take the time to complete the survey and return it to the address below. In order that the data base be as strong as possible, please fill out the survey even though you may already have filled out a similar survey earlier in the summer. This is a confidential survey; your name or address is not required, so there is no possibility that your answers can be associated with you.

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RECREATIONAL FISHING SURVEY

The following questions pertain to your 1986 coastal recreational fishing activity. By coastal recreational fishing, we mean any saltwater fishing (both inshore and offshore) where selling the fish was not the primary motive for going fishing.

1. How old are you? _____

2. What is your sex? _____

3. How many years of experience do you have in coastal recreational fishing? _____

4. What is your marital status?
married_____ single_____
divorced_____ separated_____

5. What is your residental zipcode? _____

6. What kind of fisherman would you consider yourself? novice_____
intermediate_____ advanced_____

7. What is your annual income?
$_____

8. What is your family's annual income? $_____

9. Do you own a boat? yes_____
no_____ if no skip down to question 10.
9a. Is it a power boat_____, sail boat_____, other_____?
9b. How long is the boat? _____
9c. What horsepower? _____
9d. What is the market value of your boat? _____
9e. How much do you spend annually on?

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boating accessories	$_____
mooring or slip fees	$_____
maintenance	$_____
winter drydock	$_____
launching fees	$_____
insurance	$_____
other	$_____

10. How much did you spend on recreational fishing equipment (rods, reels, lures, line, hooks, sinkers, etc.) during 1986? $_____

11. On a typical fishing trip, how much do you spend on: bait$_____, food & drink$_____, lodging$_____, parking$_____, transportation$_____, party or charter boat fares$_____

12. How far do you drive from your house to the place you begin your typical fishing trip in 1986? _____

13. What species did you primarily fish for (in 1986) in the spring? _____, in the summer?_____, in the fall?_____, in the winter? _____

14. How many fishing trips do you take (in 1986) in the spring? _____, in the summer? _____, in the fall? _____, in the winter? _____

15. How many of your spring fishing trips were on party boats _____, charter boats _____, private boats _____, rented boats _____, or shore or pier _____?

16. How many of your summer fishing trips were on party boats _____, charter boats _____, private boats _____, rented boats _____, or shore or pier _____?

17. How many of your fall fishing trips were (will be) on party boats _____, charter boats _____, private boats _____, rented boats _____, or shore or pier _____?

18. How many of your winter fishing trips were (will be) on party boats _____, charter boats _____, private boats _____, rented boats _____, or shore or pier _____?

19. Write "spring" under the area in which you primarily fished in the spring, write "summer" next to the area in which you primarily fished in the summer, write "fall" next to the area in which you primarily fished in the fall, and write "winter" next to the area in which you primarily fished in the winter.

a. Jamaica Bay, Middle Bay, East Bay, South Oyster Bay or Great South Bay

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b. Moriches or Shinnecock Bay

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c. Long Island Sound or Block Island Sound

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d. Flanders Bay, Peconic Bays, Noyac Bay or Gardiners Bay

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f. Atlantic Ocean east of a line running south from Mastic Beach

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20. Do you think existing fishing access areas (launching ramps, fishing piers, beach access, fishing reefs, etc.) are adequate on Long Island? yes _____ no _____

21. If not, what new facilities would you like to see developed?

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22. What do you think are the most important problems with coastal recreational fishing on Long Island?

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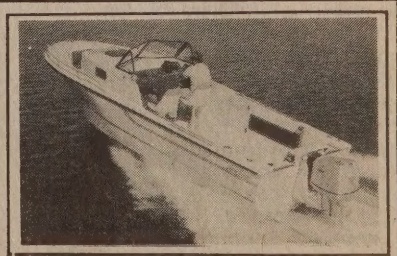

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WINTER WEAKFISH

by Matt Ahern

Not too long ago I spent a pleasant hour reading The Fisherman ads. This, to me, is an enjoyable way to get up-to-the-minute information on the local fishing scene. While doing this, my attention was drawn to the many party boats offering half-day trips for flounder, fluke, or what-have-you-available-at-the-time.

Now, to some sinker bouncers these half-day trips seem not only a good idea, but something which has only attained popularity during the past 10 or 12 years.

Not so. When I was a kid learning the party boat ropes, there also were half-day trips. These trips, however, weren't for flounder, fluke, etc. They were for whiting only and advertised during November—and only from party boats leaving Sheepshead Bay; why this was, I don't know. Certainly other ports had equal opportunity to share in this fishing in this manner.

However. The party boat of my choice would leave the Bay dock at 7AM. We fishermen would be dunking bait an hour or so later—usually in the Ambrose Lightship area. We'd load up by 11AM—leaving time—and be back at the dock by noon. If a fisherman couldn't fill his butter tub to brimming with fine, fat whiting in those three hours, he wasn't trying very hard.

The fare for this superb fishing was one dollar—kids like me (13/14 years old) were 50 cents. How could I resist? The entry fee for the pool was a quarter and nearly everyone went in. Why, with the swinging loads carried for this easy fishing in those days, a lucky sinker bouncer might nail eight or ten bucks for himself—a veritable treasure trove! I did so often, and always with a white hake (which were more or less common in that area those days). Once I decked a cod, maybe 8 pounds and was home free...until the last hour when someone nailed a big hake. Oh, well.

During the height of the Depression, the early 30s, more and more party boat skippers took advantage of those half-day trips. They were quite successful and helped many a skipper keep the wolf from his door. But by that time I was already a mate on Canarsie's Rose R II and no longer made half-day trips.

However, enough reminiscing for now. Let's get to today's whiting fishing.

As November is waiting in the wings, and hopefully so will the whiting, now's the time to prepare. November's weather is not bad, the seas are more or less flat—meaning ideal conditions for whiting fishing. Toward November's end, cold and seas will increase, but by then you should have all the whiting you want and begin looking forward to codfishing. See—a time and place for everything.

The name "winter weakfish," sometimes used when describing whiting, goes back even before my time, so far back that only once can I recall this term used—and that was nearly 55 years ago. But if you look at the next whiting you catch as it dangles from the hook in the bright sunshine, you'll notice its myriad of color is not foreign to our beautiful weakfish. Hence the old-timer's name.

"One night a fisherman might become arm-weary hooking whiting after whiting the instant his bait hits bottom. The next night might prove a first-class dud."

Tackle requirements for whiting are simple. Any medium-weight boat rod and matching reel filled with 150 yards of good quality 30 pound test mono will do the job. The 30 pound test is recommended because there's always a chance of tangling with an outsized cod in November.

A bank style sinker is preferred; its weight depending, of course, on current strength and rate of drift. Drifting is done whenever possible as more whiting are taken by this method than by any other.

Whiting are voracious feeders and they will hit any type of shiny lure with a vengeance. Over the years, I've found the best lure to be a 4 ounce diamond jig—especially when flashed two or three feet off bottom. The procedure is simple: lower the jig until it reaches bottom, then reel in a few turns and begin jigging. If whiting are in your vicinity, you'll have one immediately.

Because whiting are blessed with large mouths filled with needle-sharp teeth capable of inflicting nasty punctures to careless fingers, it is a good idea to use long-shanked hooks when possible. A 3/0 or 4/0 Carlisle will fill the bill. I use a 5/0 regular-shanked Sproat (Style 3366) without difficulty; but until fishermen are on more familiar terms with old toothy, it is best to use long-shanked hooks.

Many whiting fishermen use five and six hooks, even a mackerel tree, but I believe two hooks are enough and this is all I use. I've found that those who use multiple hook rigs seem either to be continuously rebaiting or sorting out tangles. At day's end, I've always noticed that I'm not too far behind the multi-hook boys.

If you attach one hook so that it clears the sinker by 18 inches, and the second so that it is high enough to clear the first by no less than one foot, that is all the rig you need. If ling are present and you'd like to add them to your catch, it is important that you lower the bottom hook so that the bait is on bottom. Ling will occasionally swim off bottom when tempted, but why not make it easy for them.

The average whiting caught by local sinker bouncers weighs about a half-pound. Larger ones are caught throughout the day and your chances of doing so are excellent. Though whiting attain the weight of 8 pounds, I've never seen one. Catch a three pounder and you can brag a little.

Now we come to the part that puts the zing in whiting fishing.

Cod are roamers of the sea and are often found with ling and whiting; therefore, the experienced sinker bouncer is never surprised should one seize his bait. In the New York Bight, hake used to be the prize catch and the certain pool winner. But cod have taken their place in this respect. Don't expect a cod every time you go whiting fishing; it won't happen. (I didn't catch a hake every time I went out on those half-day party boats as a kid.)

And because of this, I don't believe it will pay to set your sights exclusively on cod by employing outsized baits. Doing so will cause many whiting to be missed. Should there be a cod in your whiting-fishing area, it will just as readily seize your whiting bait. If you are the fair-haired boy of the day, you'll find your cod caught on the top hook. I've never caught a cod on the bottom hook when whiting fishing, and why this should be, is beyond my knowing. But it is so.

Bait selection is no problem. When fishing aboard party boats you will

probably use whiting strips from the previous day's fishing, or sliced skimmer. Of the two, I believe the fish strips are the best. Not only do whiting show a preference for fish bait, it is tougher than skimmer—which makes it unnecessary to rebait so often; a plus on cold, finger-nipping days.

Experienced fishermen fillet their first whiting and cut this into three or four inch strips. Baiting is no problem. Simply run the hook through the strip several times and allow the hook to protrude near the end. A good tip is to allow an inch or so to wiggle free in the current. Whiting can't resist. Use a jigging motion. It will add fish to your bucket.

Today much whiting fishing is done around the famous "Mud Hole" of giant tuna fishing days. The Ambrose Tower grounds still produce, as do the grounds around the old Scotland Lightship area. Large schools sometimes congregate in the 40 to 55 foot depths offshore of Sandy Hook's Cedar Ground. (This is a good area to keep in mind for some hectic whiting fishing in June.)

The springtime mackerel fishing areas off Long Island's south shore often have whiting in quantity during fall. So also do the deeper areas of the Southeast Grounds. Experienced fishermen try the deeper "pockets" in these areas first. It is here where cod come as no surprise—especially near month's end.

Whiting are very accommodating. Shorebound anglers may also get in their whacks, for these racy fish come close to shore on winter nights. However, this fishing is a hit-or-miss proposition. One night a fisherman might become arm-weary hooking whiting after whiting the instant his bait hits bottom. The next night might prove a first-class dud. This is because fishing results depend upon the inshore movement of bait fish at any given time. There is no way to foretell this, but if the fishing has been good for several nights in a row, the chances for a repeat are good.

Coney Island's Steeplechase Pier has been a favorite whiting fishing spot for generations of fishermen. (I've been told it is no longer safe to fish there at night.) Years ago, we kids also caught ling here on bone-chilling nights. I recall my dad saying that in the winter of 1899 so many cod came into the Coney Island surf every night they were stranded on the beach, heaped up like cordwood. Local fishermen came by horse and wagon and carted them off to market each night before the run was over.

New Jersey's Long Branch has always been a hotspot. Though I've heard nothing about it lately, I suppose it is still open during the winter whiting run. I've never fished from this pier, but several of my buddies have and they tell me it too is a hit-or-miss proposition; but when conditions are right, it offers superb whiting fishing.

I've caught whiting from the jetties at Coney Island and at Far Rockaway—but this was in years gone by. I haven't been near these areas in at least 30 years, so what the conditions are today, I don't know.

As with all jetty fishing, be sure the sea is calm. Keep an eye on the incoming tide (which produces the best fishing) and always leave at the first sign of a freshing onshore wind. Take no unnecessary chances—no matter how well those fish are biting. That winter sea is cold! One slip and...well...

When conditions are right, which means a low surf, an incoming tide, plus schools of foraging baitfish, whiting can be found while walking the surf line at night. It is then, under these conditions, when whiting chase these baitfish right to the shore line, and in their frenzy are often tossed on the sand by incoming waves.

To get these stranded whiting, a good light, a fish spear or long-handled net are all that's needed. The fisherman must often run to the stranded fish before the next receding wave carries it back to sea. It often takes some fancy footwork, but it is exhilerating sport, one which will quickly warm you. I'll tell you one thing: this is a sport for youngsters. Old Matt has long since given up chasing stranded whiting on January nights. (Oh, yes. Bring a strong bag. You might fill it as we kids used to.)

So—if you're interested, give whiting a shot this fall. Don't miss out on some good fishing!

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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

S.S. LARCHMONT

by John Raguso

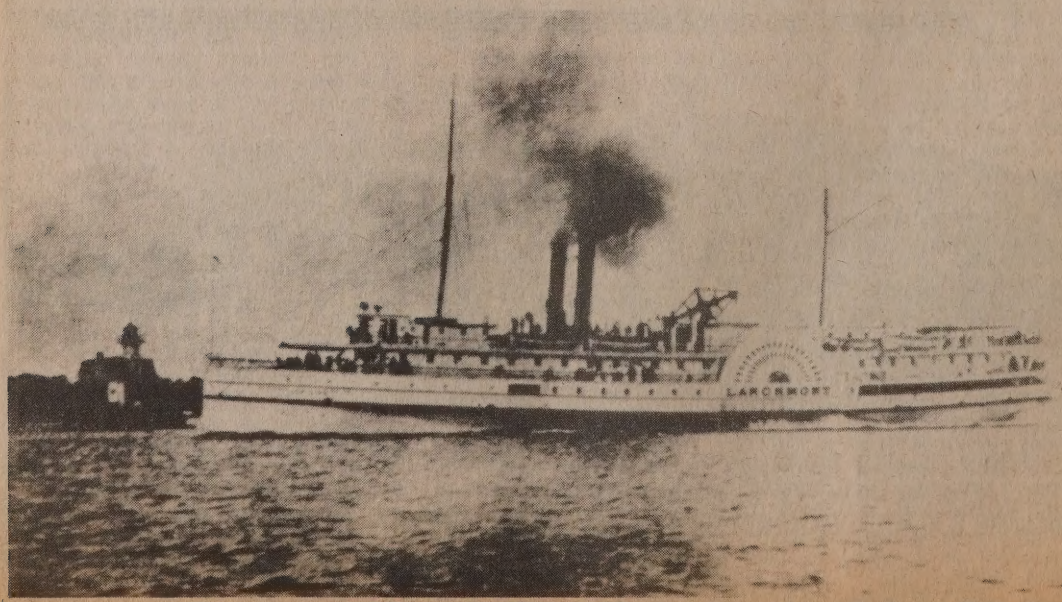
One of the most tragic maritime disasters to occur off the Long Island/ Connecticut shoreline took place around the turn-of-the-century, in the winter of 1907. An estimated 143 passengers and crew of the paddle wheel steamer Larchmont lost their lives when their vessel collided with the coal schooner Harry P. Knowlton during a winter storm, where the air temperatures were hovering near the zero degree mark. The Larchmont went down in less than 20 minutes, foundering in 20 fathoms of water, approximately 3 nautical miles southeast of Watch Hill, Rhode Island. Most of those lost in the accident literally froze to death in the lifeboats. It was a situation where in the panic of the moment, many of the men aboard saved themselves at the expense of the women and the children passengers in their quest for survival. Even the master of the Larchmont, a Captain George W. McVey, was one of the first to abandon ship, leaving the stunned and helpless passengers to fend for themselves. Let's go back in time now to the New York Times coverage of the event, and relive the tragedy of the sinking firsthand through various eyewitness accounts.

According to the Times article, "The Larchmont was a large side-wheel steamer, with three decks, and a capacity for immense loads of freight, which was put on the Joy Line service only this season. Captain George McVey who was in command, had been acting as master for about 18 months, having served as a pilot before that. The steamer left her dock in Providence, R.I., the night of February 11th with a heavy cargo of freight and many scores of passengers. A strong northwest wind was blowing as the craft plowed her way down through the eastern passage of Narragansett Bay, but the full effect of the gale, which was blowing out in the Sound, was not felt until the Larchmont rounded Point Judith. Then the side-wheeler pointed her nose into the very heart of the blast and continued down through Block Island Sound on her way to New York.

Captain McVey, who had remained in the pilothouse until the vessel had been straightened out on her course, was preparing to retire after a turn around his ship, when he was startled by severe blasts of the steamer's whistle. He rushed to the pilothouse, and the pilot and Quartermaster pointed out a three-master schooner bearing down on them before the strong wind. The schooner, which proved to be the Harry Knowlton, coal-laden and bound from South Amboy to Boston, had been bowling along on her course, when according to Capt. McVey, she seemed suddenly to luff up and head straight for the steamer. Again, several blasts were sounded on the steamer's whistle, the pilot at the same moment whirling the wheel hard aport in the endeavor to avert a collision.

"As the Larchmont was slowly veering around in response to her helm, the schooner came on with a speed that almost seemed to equal the gale that had been pushing her toward Boston. Even before another warning signal could be sounded on the steamer's whistle, the schooner crashed into the port side of the Larchmont.

"There were no watertight compartments to be closed, and therefore the inrushing flood could not be confined to the damaged section. It poured over the cargo and down into the hold. As the water struck the boiler room, great clouds of steam arose and the panic-striken passengers, many of whom had been thrown from their bunks when the collision occurred, were at first under the impression that a fire had started on board. The point of collision was in that part of the steamer where the signalling apparatus connecting the engine room with the pilot house was located. As such, Capt. McVey, who was standing in the pilothouse, could not communicate with his subordinate officers below decks and was unable



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to determine the extent of the damage. The quartermaster was hurried below to make an investigation.

"The passengers meanwhile, rushed to the decks. Few had waited to clothe themselves. Their fear was so great that the first penetrating blast of the gale was disregarded. The suffering from the elements soon became intense that personal safety was forgotten in the general effort to keep the blood in circulation. Those who had not stopped to dress, now found it impossible to return below and do so. Their rooms were flooded and the steamer was floundering around in the big seas and sinking rapidly. Officers and crew were prompt in answering Capt. McVey's call to quarters. While some of the seamen held back the frantic passengers by brute strength, others lowered the lifeboats and rafts. There was no time to think of the comfort of anyone, although Capt. McVey knew that the list of victims would exceed the number of survivors. In spite of everything, order was kept. The women, who were suffering more intensely than the men, were placed in the lifeboats and the men and members of the crew took the unprotected rafts. Captain McVey remained on the upper deck directing his officers and crew until everyone on board appeared to have been cared for. He ordered all lifeboats and rafts cut away, and before he stepped into his own boat, he stood on the upper deck a moment to see that his order was executed. Then he ordered that his boat, the largest on board, be cleared away."

One of the 17 lucky survivors, an Oliver Janivier, described his version of the Larchmont's final minutes: "...At last I saw that it was up to me to save my own life or go down with the boat. So I went upstairs to the hurricane deck and found a lifeboat with a cover over it. After taking the canvas off, it didn't take long to get the boat into the water, and people began to pile in. I saw men push women out of the way in an effort to get into the boats. Finally, with eight of us, all men, on board, we got into the water and rowed away from the Larchmont. Two men grabbed the side of the boat and I hauled them in with a rope tackle. After that a woman floated by and said, 'For God's sake, save me'. I asked the two men I had rescued to help her, since they were the nearest to here. They refused to do so, and I continued to row on. Pretty soon, one of the men fell over with a groan and died of cold. The others followed him, and then I was left in the boat with only one other live man and eight dead men. The other chap looked at me peculiarly and said, 'My God, this is terrible. I cannot live and might as well end it now. I am going to cut my throat.' Before I could prevent him, he pulled out a razor and gashed his throat. He fell on his face in the bottom of the boat and died

Blackfish are a popular target on the Larchmont.

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Year Built: 1885 at Bath, Maine
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Hull Condition: Broken up, but with high profile.
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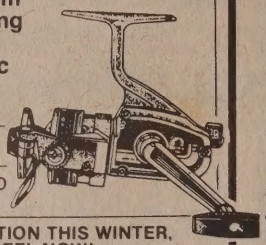

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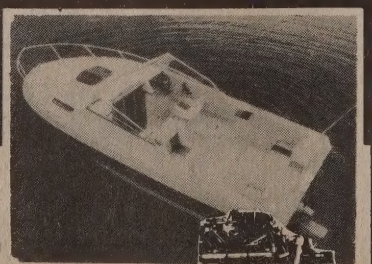

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with an insane laugh on his lips.

"The lifeboat rose upon a wave shortly after this and I could not see any land. Soon after I saw the lighthouse and sailed by it. The sea was running too heavy for me to land there. I kept bathing my feet and hands in the ice cold water to prevent them from freezing. Soon the wind changed, and I was blown on to land. I jumped out and waded ashore. The boat, with nine dead companions in it, followed me. It was 7:30 AM then, and I managed to get to the station, and here I am. I don't know how I lived to tell the story."

A few days after the collision and sinking of the Larchmont, other accounts of the events were given to investigators by other survivors. The captain's story of looking after the well-being of the passengers and crew was challenged. More than one person claimed that Capt. McVey was in the first boat to leave the sinking steamer, thereby letting the confused passengers fend for themselves at the mercy of the cruel elements.

Both ships blamed each other for causing the accident. Captain Frank Haley of the coal schooner Harry Knowlton alleged that the Larchmont cut across his path, making the collision unavoidable. His vessel did not go down, but drifted shoreward for about four hours before fetching up on the beach near Quonochontaug. There was no loss of life among his crew, and remarkably, no one was even injured. Since the sailing vessel had the right of way, the pilot of the Larchmont, John Anson, was faulted for the collision. However he perished in the aftermath and never had to face any disciplinary actions. The Larchmont's skipper, Capt. McVey, was the topic of many negative editorials infering that he abandoned his post in a time of crisis. Ironically, he retired from the seafaring trade to become an undertaker, a grim reminder of what his neglect caused 143 of his passengers. In contrast to today's multi-million dollar legal suits, the Joy Line paid out a total sum of only $170 to the survivors of the wreck. This was the value of items recovered from the Larchmont after the sinking, and their 170 salvage value represented the maximum liability the Joy Line had to pay under the law at that time.

From a fishing perspective, the Larchmont's relative proximity to shore puts her in range to boats hailing from a number of different ports. She has a relatively high profile and her position near the 20 fathom curve ensures that a variety of groundfish will inhabit her protective shadows. You can expect to find blackfish, sea bass, hake and pollock in season, with an occasional cod at times. You will also find the bluefish that roam the Sound to have an established presence near the Larchmont's hulk.

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A BAR WORTH REMEMBERING

by John Fritz

The days of autumn were passing with surprising rapidity. A handful of Montauk's regulars were becoming anxious; 1985 was slipping by and the cow bass have yet to make a showing in their favorite haunts among the north side rips. Many surfmen are content to ply the sand beaches, offering a variety of lures to the masses of bluefish or playing catch and release with the local bass population. The balcony, fronting the Lighthouse, plays host to a gathering of faithful followers, occasionally being rewarded by setting the hook into a good sized striper. A sprinkling of die-hard surfmen are not satisfied with the results gained by fishing these other areas. Memories of past seasons' successes in the rips fronting Block Island Sound, are too vivid to discount the possibility of a repeat engagement.

Succeeding bouts of foul weather, accompanied by their associated cold fronts fosters a feeling of disappointment, when the expected run again fails to materialize. Subsequent tides are kept honest by a cadre of dedicated surfmen, each longing to be the fortunate angler to discover the run, for once the word leaks out, finding space to cast a lure is at a premium.

Pinpointing the onset of this run is difficult, short term weather does not seem to be a determining factor, yet a few days before the bass arrived in '85 a severe easterly buffeted the East End. In '84, the remnants of a hurricane, passing offshore, might have had some influence. The calendar is also of little help; two years ago the first showing of fish were detected about October 19th. One or two good nights, followed by a lull, then a few more sessions before the run faded. This past year it was a week into November before the first decent landings of bass were realized. Back in the mid-70s, I recall a fabulous run at North Bar centered around October 4th but those were times of exceptional striper fishing and six days of northeast winds.

The inability to determine the elements, which trigger the run of fish along the north side, is unfortunate. In many instances, by the time word of their presence is received, the run is in its final stages or the influx of hopeful anglers takes much of the enjoyment out of the experience. When the tides are right, almost exclusively the ebb, smart surfmen make a determined effort to keep the rips honest, from early October till season's end.

Unlike the days of old, when striped bass were so plentiful that efforts undertaken in the light of day often produced results, seasoned Montauk surfmen rarely unlimber their rods until the sun has fallen below the western horizon. Whereas the Gibbs darter, with an occasional bottle plug used when conditions were extreme, was the premier lure of its time, the needlefish plug has now won the esteem of even the resolute Montauk regulars. When the needlefish was still gaining converts, the plug offered by Gibbs dominated the Montauk scene. Classic and Boone lures had their deficiencies and Super Strike's innovative design was still hard to obtain. The original Gibbs Needlefish was doctored somewhat to enable it to withstand the rugged test placed on all tackle used at Montauk during the fall run. The screw eyes were removed and reset in a bed of epoxy and the tail treble was replaced by a single, feathered Siwash, colored to match the plug. A green plug and matching feathered tail hook was THE lure of '84. Since then Gibbs has redesigned its plug to imitate the through wire pattern initiated by Don Musso in his needlefish plugs. The replacement of the stationary eye with the freedom of a swivel greatly reduces the number of fish dropped before they can be brought to gaff. In addition, the danger of a screw eye being ripped from a plug is hereby eliminated. Feathered hooks still replace the tail hooks on occasion, some prefer to substitute a 4/0 treble on the larger Super Strike and when extreme conditions require longer casts and additional weight, the plastic Super Strikes are loaded in the same manner as the RedFins and Hellcats.

With Super Strike's needlefish plugs in ample supply last fall, the

1¾ ounce plug became the overall favorite in the North Bar area. The majority of anglers chose the more somber shaded lures, dark green, dark blue and smokey being preferred for most occasions. Following the lead of those achieving success is fine for a start, but if results are not forthcoming, it's time to try something different. When plastic needlefish are being used exclusively the action of a wooden plug might make a difference. If dark colors do not generate any response switch to a yellow or white plug and of course, one can always try Montauk's old reliable, the darter.

For those unfamiliar with fishing Montauk's north side or those who haven't made the journey since the sea redesigned the shoreline, North Bar is now only the focal point. With the proliferation of the wet suit among surfcasters, particularly in Montauk, anglers are now able to fan out hundreds of yards east and west of the point at North Bar. From a point, deep within Clark's Cove, fishermen, clad in rubber, push out along a narrow rise till they are almost lined up with the tip of North Bar. These daring anglers push seaward to the very limit, often being lifted off the bottom with each passing wave. In fact, footing is so tenuous that one angler had a large fish actually pull him from the bar into water over his head.

On most occasions, anglers frequenting this bar cause little interference with the casters spread out along the shore of North Bar itself. Here anglers clad in the more conventional waders and top have their best shot at sharing in the action. With tightly cinched belt and wrists wrapped to reject most of the cold sea, the desire to push out as far as possible is paramount. During the last stages of the tide if no strikes are forthcoming, knowledgeable anglers will drift east to False Bar, where they will try their luck until the ebb tide slows to a stop.

Access to the outer reaches of False Bar can be a bit tricky, newcomers are cautioned against venturing directly out from the shore. The best passage is obtained from a point east of the bar and then proceeding in a general northwesterly direction, along a rise in the bottom. If uncertain, it would be wise to follow in the path of one of the regulars. If wearing waders, don't blindly traipse along behind a guy wearing a wet suit. The currents, flowing towards the ocean, especially near the bottom of the tide, are exceptionally strong, as it rushes past this final obstacle before the open sea. An angler, in waders, who has lost his footing, may find it difficult to regain his balance. Cleated soles are advisable for much of the bottom is littered with slime coated rocks. Walt's Walkers or Korkers sandals are beneficial when fishing areas such as this. There is also a danger in overextending one's self, whether it be to cast to the outer rip or in an effort to keep abreast of the wet suit set.

From the tone of this article, so far it can be assumed that long casts are the norm. Not only are rods capable of propelling 1¾ or 2 ounce weights the optimum distance necessary, but equipment which enables the angler to turn a powerful fish in a strong current, is required. Light lines and featherweight gear have no place when competing with cow bass, scores of fellow anglers and fast water. Even those outfitted with stout tackle are often hard pressed to control a large fish in its efforts to gain freedom: it is similar to walking a dog: he leads and you better follow. Not only does this maneuver increase your chances of beaching the fish, but it enables those anglers down tide to cast without the danger of fouling your line. Most surfmen will pause in their efforts if they are aware that a fish is on, but in the darkness one cannot blame another for snagging a line if he is ignorant of the encounter being engaged to his front.

Fishermen who have pursued their sport from the shore for any length of time are mindful of the fact that nothing, relating to fishing, is permanent. The contours of the waterfront are in a constant state of alteration, the food the predators feed upon repeatedly passes through periods of scarcity and abundance. North Bar is still in existence, it may be remodeled somewhat by the force of the easterly gales, reducing its attractiveness a bit for both fish and fisherman. This general area, though, does rise to regain a measure of its past glory. It may not be like days of old, it may be short lived and it may require a mixture of patience, persistence and effort, but those who are present at the onset of this run will be rewarded with a night that will be long remembered.

Needlefish plugs have accounted for many stripers here. These were taken when a two fish limit was in effect.

"CATCH" A MAKO

by Bill Serviss

I have been fishing ever since my father took my brother and I on our first fishing trip 25 years ago. We spent many days out on party boats at Sheepshead Bay, Captree and Montauk. We also would rent skiffs and do bay fishing.

In the past 25 years that I have been fishing, I thought I knew all there was to know about the sport that could frustrate and satisfy you at the same time. Until I went shark fishing, I thought bluefishing was the ultimate day on the water.

My first shark trip was on the "Wee Mac" out of Montauk. The boat stopped and five minutes later, we had a 350 pound mako doing acrobatics all around the boat. The fish must have jumped 15 feet in the air. He came down and went straight up again. This lasted for two more jumps and then the hook pulled and the fish was gone, but not before putting on a show that got me addicted to offshore fishing.

Since that first day three years ago, I live, eat and sleep shark fishing. I have gone the full route, the ultimate in equipment—the latest electronics, rod, international reels, whatever could help catch that free jumping mako. A friend of mine, Don Haufske, shares the same passion for shark fishing that I have. So, we now spend most of our Saturdays either on my

boat (the "My Way," a 24 foot Bayliner sportfisherman) or on his boat ("Mako Magic," a 25 foot Mako) out in the ocean looking for that high flying mako.

Last Saturday, September 6th was no exception, we set out early in the morning and headed 135 degrees out of the Fire Island Inlet in Don's boat. Don's brother Steve Haufske, and Don's two brothers-in-law, Shawn Ambrose and Phil Graffia were also on this trip. We reached a spot in 135 feet of water and set up our chum slick.

We were idle for about two hours, when the deep rod set on the bottom had a long runoff. Don set the hook, and the line snapped at the swivel. Everyone had that look of disappointment of losing a potential "big one." Since the deep line was hit, we decided to do the same thing again. Don rigged a whole mackerel and put 8 ounces of lead on the leader and sunk it to the bottom.

The next half hour was uneventful until the run off the deep line. Don set the hook; this time the fish was hooked good. By the look of the bend in the rod and the way the fish came right in, we all though it was a small brown shark. Phil had never caught a shark before, so he was given the honors.

Everything went fine until the fish surfaced about 150 feet off our port side. Seeing those unmistakable fins, we knew we had a BIG mako. Phil handed the rod to me, while Don readied the gaff and Shawn and Phil cleared the outriggers and other rods away.

The fish came in so easily, it was too good to be true. He got to the side of the boat and went straight down, trailing screaming line behind him. Two minutes later, the fish came up and jumped sideways about 20 feet off the starboard side of the boat. Again he went down and we all thought the fish was going for another run, when all of a sudden, this huge 300 pound plus mako decided he did not want to stay in the water and he would rather join us in the boat. The fish came right over the gunnel and was about to land on the leaning post, right where Steve was standing. Steve's first instinct was to put up his arms, and grab the fish. As he did this, both he and the fish continued flight right out of the boat and into the water. Don and Phil quickly got Steve out of the water, while I continued to feel the strain of the fish on the line. The fish then went under the boat back by the motors and the line was severed by one of the props. This was one fish that we were all glad got away!

After the smoke cleared and we examined the damage, a few bruises, a lot of fear, and some hurt pride, we were all glad no one really got hurt.

We all agreed that the fish showed us who was boss this week. But next week would be different. Well, at least Steve did "catch" his first mako. Next time we agreed to bring a hoop just in case!

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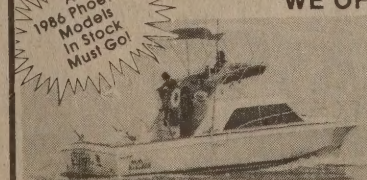

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SURF TIPS LEARNED THE HARD WAY

by Tom Schlichter

Paying his dues in the suds has taught the author some valuable lessons.

Put me on a small boat on the bay, alongside a trickle of a creek, off Block Island on a party boat or even in a pair of waders in the weedy backwaters of a bassy freshwater cove, and I'll feel as comfortable and secure of my chances of success as any angler I've ever met. Put me on a sandy south shore beach and tell me there are plenty of blues and bass just past the breakers and I figure I still have a pretty good chance of success. It wasn't too long ago, however, when the last situation might have caused me to break out in a cold sweat from lack of confidence. Where would all my confidence go? I have no idea. It just wasn't as strong as in other fishing situations. Somehow, when I first began surf fishing, I always arrived just after the fish blitzed the beach. Sometimes I was only a minute or two late. Other times as much as a tide. Always though, it seemed as though there was a conspiracy between the fish and veteran surfcasters to tease me to the point where I would think that first bass or blue would never come.

Eventually, however, I did begin to catch a few fish here and there and with each passing month and season my success continued to improve. It has been four years now since I first became serious about surf fishing and while a whisper of doubt still follows me whenever I wade into the waves, the fishless days and nights have become considerably less numerous.

Now, I'm the first to admit that when it comes to being a beach rat, I'm still a little wet behind the ears (not to mention neck, back and legs), but I feel like I've made enough progress to pass on a few ideas to those who might just be getting started. Perhaps the following tips will help a few of you hook up with a little more regularity.

Test the action of your lures under daylight conditions. This is especially necessary if you intend to fish plugs. Rebels, Redfins, Rapalas, Hellcats, Bombers, Nills Fins and most other minnow imitations along this line often require fine tuning even when first removed from the box. The lure's action may be a little too exaggerated, or not exaggerated enough to be enticing to the predators we seek. It may lean too much to one side or even spin as it is pulled through the water. The experienced surfcaster can usually tell when something is amiss simply because they have worked each brand of plug so many times that they know

Experienced casters often benefit from nighttime forays.

exactly how each should feel at the end of a line. The novice, however, usually is not so perceptive.

Taking a few casts during daylight tides to observe or adjust the action of each plug, will save you hours of wondering whether you or your lure is not working right on those dark nights when the sounds of fish are in the air but the cooler remains empty. You might also like to experiment by testing several different teaser types ahead of your lures to see what kind of action they have or if they change the action of the plug at all. This is also the perfect time to learn how each lure feels at the end of the line.

Learn one particular beach on the north shore, and one on the south. Concentrate your efforts at one particular location along each shore and learn it well as you begin to put in more hours. Beaches close to home are obviously advantageous in this instance and several are tailor made for this idea. Two examples that quickly come to mind are Sunken Meadow and Robert Moses State Parks and Smith's Point Park and Cedar Beach at the mouth of Mt. Sinai Harbor. A look at a Suffolk County Atlas will show these two pairs of opposites to be almost directly in line from one another. If you live close enough to fish one, the chances are good that you live close enough to fish the other.

By concentrating your efforts at only one or two locations, you can get a pretty good idea of what conditions are necessary to make the fish show and what lures or baits you need to have on hand. Additionally, learning one spot on each shore gives you the option of working around the wind when it blows hard. A stiff wind from the north or west can chase you off the sound, but will often leave the south shore beaches with little more than a mild heave. The reverse is true for winds blowing out of the east or south. As you begin to gain confidence in your ability to work the fish, you'll naturally begin to spread your efforts along other beaches. It sure feels good, however, to have a "home base" to return to after a few successive nights of fruitless experimenting.

Keep a logbook of your fishing experiences. I know this one is hammered at you quite often, but there is no substitute for an accurate record of your fishing activity. How many times have I had the fish at my mercy one week only to forget exactly what stage of the tide they were feeding on a week later? How many times have I showed up at a beach only to find that a moderate wind had dirtied the water or brought on weeds? UGH! What's worse, is that after a few worthless casts, I usually remember that the same wind last season produced the same effects. A check of the records would have had me working a different location instead of wasting my time. There are few feelings more disturbing than finding the water unfishable after a long ride to the shore.

Learning how to work plugs like the Bomber properly, can pay off handsomely.

Look into a rising sun or moon to spot surface feeding fish. After you begin to put in a few hours at the beach, you'll learn to identify different kinds of surface feeding fish by the sound of their breaks. Oftentimes, however, the sound of a pounding surf makes it difficult, it not impossible, to hear game fish slap sand eels or other baitfish unless they are right on top of you. Looking into the sun as it casts the first rays of morning light often allows one to spot small boils or disturbances with greater ease. The break in the rhythm of the waves is highlighted by the soft sun on the water's surface. The moon produces the same effect as it rises above the eastern horizon and although it gives off a much dimmer light, the wakes and swirls of feeding fish are readily apparent in its rays.

Fish with a buddy whenever possible. Just like anyone else, I enjoy solitude when fishing. However, aside from the obvious safety advantages, fishing with a regular partner has several strong benefits. First off, two people can cover the same area in half the time, looking, listening and casting, making chances of hitting fish that much better. Secondly, the two of you can use different lures and methods until finding one that clicks. This cuts down on the time it takes to figure out feeding fish. Additionally, if one angler's lure is not running true, the second fisherman might pick up a few fish causing the first angler to check his lure or even make a switch—something he might be reluctant to do if fishing on his own. Lastly, you will both be hearing various reports throughout the year on how the fish are feeding. When one gets a hot tip, the other will not miss the action.

Finding a surf fishing buddy should be little trouble; there are a lot of

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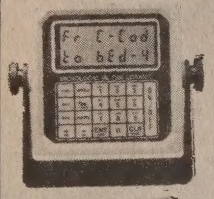

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anglers just starting out. If possible, try to hook up with an angler who has a little more experience than yourself. If you feel you might have a problem hooking up with a friend, consider joining one of the many surf fishing clubs on the Island. There are plenty of anglers at every meeting just waiting to head out.

Match the lures you use to the bait in the water. In all other forms of fishing, this is an established rule that even beginners quickly pick up on. In surf fishing, however, it seems to me that a lot of novice anglers reach for the biggest plugs or tins they can throw. Whether this is because they feel they need added casting distance (not usually the case; many fish are taken right in the "breakers") or that large lures are needed to take big fish, I'm not sure. Maybe it's a combination of both.

I take most of my fish on 5½ inch plugs or 2 oz. tins. When bait is larger, I throw bigger lures; when spearing or sand eels predominate, I may throw even smaller ones. Aside from matching size, keep in mind that it is also necessary to match color, body shape and speed of retrieve to whatever bait the fish are feeding on.

Don't give up simply because you do not have a 4-wheel drive truck. Not having a truck kept me out of the game for quite awhile. It just seemed to me that you had to have a truck to get far enough down the beach to catch some fish. Now that I fish with several 4-wheel drive owners, I find we frequently fish within a quarter mile of where we leave the road. As a matter of fact, I still don't own a beach buggy and I fish more often than not by parking my car in a lot and walking to the water. There are plenty of locations on both the north and south shores that can be fished by "walk-ons." Many are frequently mentioned in surf fishing articles or the surf report in this magazine. Check them out. They do produce.

Learn how to release a fish so that it will survive. Especially with the new bass regulations, it is certain that the time will come when you have to release a few fish. It is distasteful to realize that many anglers are just dropping fish back in after a hard battle and letting the gamesters get battered by the surf.

If you are lucky enough to land a fish, try to unhook it as quickly as possible and don't drag it through the dry sand or over rocks to put it on a scale unless absolutely necessary. Unhook it as quickly and gently as you can. Lift the fish carefully and wade out into knee deep water if possible. Support the fish under the front of the stomach and at the tail. Allow it to gather its strength in the water before letting it go. When the fish is ready to head back through the surf, it will give a shake and break your grasp. It takes an extra minute or two with each fish, but the feeling of satisfaction as you see it recover and swim off will more than make up for the lost fishing time.

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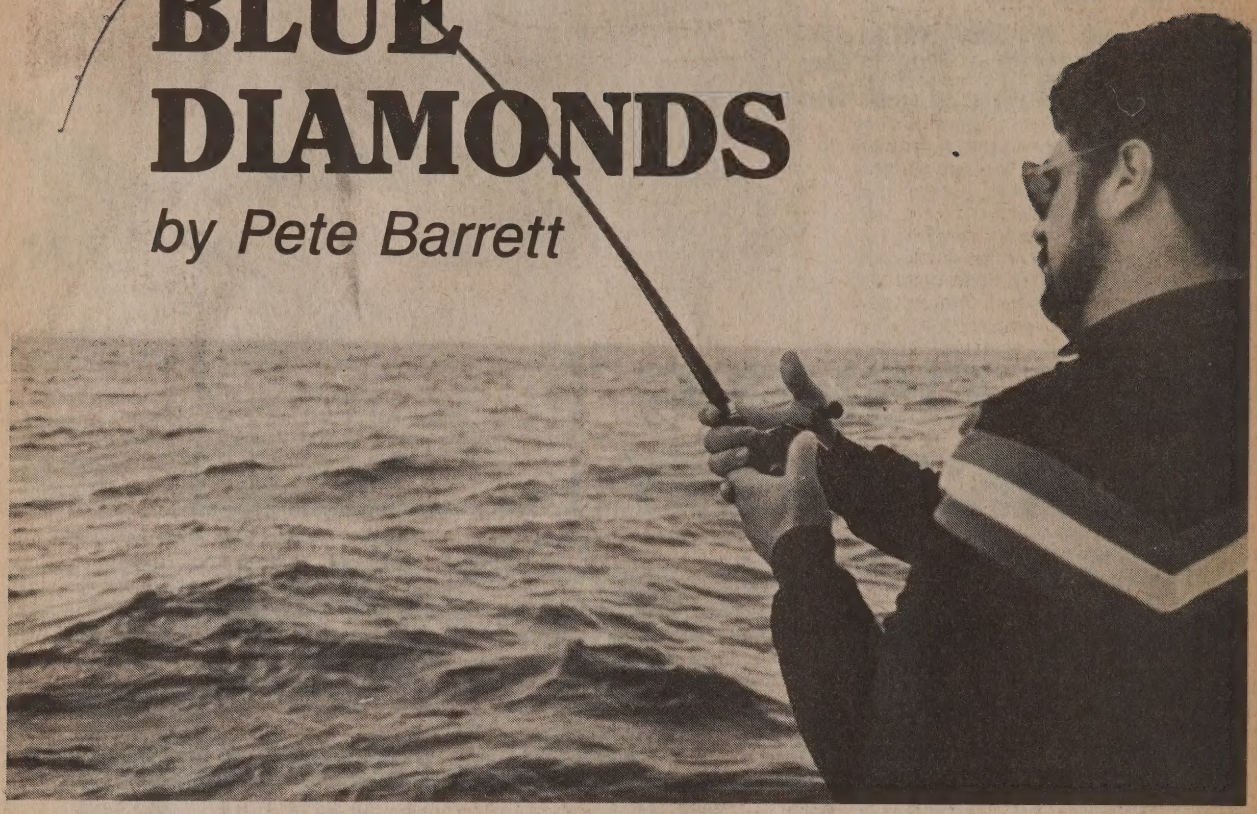
BLUE DIAMONDS

by Pete Barrett



Captain Mike Verges eased back on the throttles of the "Sea Witch" just as the graph recorder began to scratch the rising bottom contour of an inshore ridge. The target was bluefish and within minutes Mike yelled down from the bridge, "Here they are, guys, right near the bottom. Drop those jigs down and start catching! They're stacked up real tight and from the marks on the recorder, they look like decent sized fish."

Mike's words were hardly finished when Steve lifted hard on his tackle and announced, "I'm in!" He suddenly bent over hard, knees smashing against the gun'ls, as 12 lbs. of bluefish yanked on the end of the line fighting for its life. Steve mumbled something about, "Come here critter. I'm going to pay you back for a pair of black and blue knees," as he hauled back on the stout rod and edged the blue up closer to the boat and the waiting gaff.

The rest of us hooked up moments after Steve and before too many minutes four big blues of 10 to 14 lbs. had been placed on ice in the cooler. This was the start of a typical day of typical inshore fall diamond jigging.

Diamond jigs have been around for so many years no one thinks of them as unusual any more; but it was only a little more than a decade ago that speed squidding became popular as a proven method to catch blues and other fall game fish. Even our southern cousins fishing out of Delaware, Virginia and Hatteras are beginning to use diamonds to catch fall blues, weaks, false albacore and king mackerel. What can make an unusually good catch is paying attention to some of the details of diamond jigging that can add tremendously to your catch or keep the catch to a minimum while others around you score better.

Fall blues do get hefty in size and their hard fighting qualities have built them a reputation as tackle busters, yet heavy tackle may actually be a disadvantage to scoring a good catch. Lines of 25 to 40 pound test have more resistance in the water preventing the jigs from working properly. The heavier line actually spook fish on some occasions.

Party boaters may have to stick with heavier tackle to avoid horrendous tangles at boatside. They get around the heavy line problem by using heavier jigs. Where a private boater can get away with 12 lb. test line and an A27 size jig, the party boater may have to rely on the A47 size jig to effectively fish the same depth of water. Twelve pound test may seem very light to anglers who have not used light tackle, but 12 pound line can take a lot of punishment. Bluefish do not take lots of line, especially when jigging. They hit and run straight to the bottom. If you are fishing in 120 feet of water, that is all the line they will take out!

More important than the line pound test is the design of the rod. Rods with a firm action in the butt to help lift the fish from the depths is the desired action. Rods with an even bend throughout the rod blank make poor lifting rods. I prefer rods with a light, but not flimsy, tip and a heavy butt action, but avoid rods with ultra-fast tapers. They have a beefy butt section yet the tip is nearly useless and does not allow firm setting of the hook.

Most everyone who diamond jigs seriously uses a conventional reel. They hold up like no spinning reel can. This is not a knock of spinning reels. For casting and ultralight tackle fishing they are perfect, but for jigging big blues they are not the ideal reel. If you fish only a few times a year with jigs a spinner will probably serve you well. However, this fall action will last for three months and if you fish every weekend it is not unlikely that you will catch over 400 (conservatively) bluefish that will range from 5 to 15 lbs. I'm only a 10 minute boat ride from the inlet and can fish several afternoons a week from September to December and we easily jigged up to nearly 2000 blues in the fall. I have an ancient Ambassadeur 6000, a Penn 930, a Shimano SG50 and a pair of Ambassadeur 7000s that have been in service for anywhere from 5 to 15 years and they are all still going strong. Heavier duty reels like the Daiwa, Shimano, Shakespeare and Penn will also serve

well, although the smaller conventional reels are definitely more fun.

Most conventional reels now have high speed gear ratios of 3.5 up to 4.5 to 1, yet retrieving the diamonds at a fast speed is not always the best approach. Many times in deeper waters, a slower retrieve will be much more effective than a very fast retrieve. The opposite occurs in shallow water when a slow retrieve will go untouched. It can pay off to try several retrieve speeds on those days when the action is not red hot.

A straight, reel-it-in retrieve is usually the most productive with no jigging of the rod tip needed. Tuck the rod butt under your left arm and crank the lure in at a brisk speed. Watch the recorder to verify the depth that the school of blues is located. When scattered at many levels, retrieve the lure all the way to the boat. When fish are marked down deep, keep the lure deep by not cranking it in all the way. After 10 to 20 cranks, free spool it again and again to stay deep.

For deep water jigging, I like to change the hook style on the diamond jig, replacing the standard hook with a stainless steel Siwash style. The Siwash has a long point in relation to the length of the shank and is very strong. It will stand up to the repeated battles with blues and, more importantly, I believe it holds the fish better. Siwash hooks are sold in many tackle shops and they are usually marketed with an open eye so they can be quickly bent to the jig with a pair of pliers.

Jigs are sold either plain or with a tube tail. I usually start my fishing with the plain jig, then switch to the tailed jigs if the fish seem to avoid the plain lure. Vic Galgano of Spider Lures has studied the effects of color on bluefish and while fishing is not an exact science (that's why they call it fishing!), he believes that color can make a significant difference in the fishing success of the day.

Dark colors like purple and red have virtually no color reflection in the water once they get below 20 to 30 feet. Other colors like green and yellow have lots of reflective color even at great depths of 100 feet or more. You never know ahead of time what color will thrill the fish on any given day, but if you are fishing with a green-tailed lure and getting no or few hits, try switching to an opposite dark color. That color difference may make a big addition to your catch.

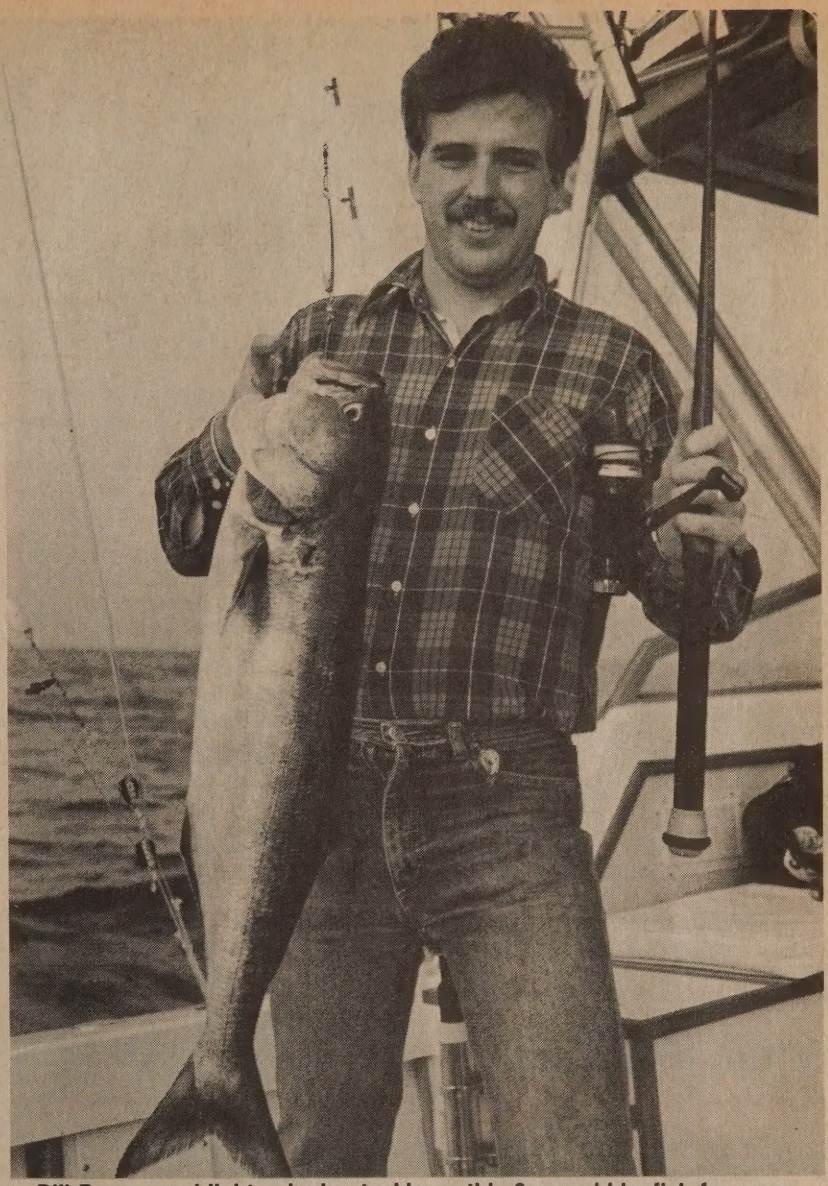
The shape of the jig can be critical on some days. Pete Renkert of Bridgeport Diamond Jigs saved me one time with a jig he calls the Wobble Eel. It has a sand eel profile and slightly bent body, unlike the standard slab-sided diamond. That bent body gave the jig a more enticing wiggle on several occasions when it helped fool fish that for some reason were not hitting the standard jigs with their usual belligerence.

If any one thing kills the action of a diamond jig, it is a steel leader. Good fishermen know leaders are not needed when jigging, but it is amazing to see other fishermen using a leader ahead of the jig. The single strand or braided steel leaders act like an elbow and allow the jig to fold back onto the fishing line while it is free spooled to the bottom, causing the hook to foul on the line. Even the smallest diamond jigs are 4 to 5 inches long including the hook and this natural length serves as a built-in leader so there's no need for a cable leader. It spooks the fish, fouls the lure and diminishes the catch.

A heavier mono leader, however, can be useful to help lift fish into the boat or to avoid fraying light lines on the chine of a boat as a fish makes a sudden lunge under the boat before being gaffed or boated. Use a 2 to 4 foot Bimini to double the end of the fishing line, then a Surgeon's or an Albright knot to add a 4 foot section of 20 to 30 pound leader.

The graph recorder is the diamond jigger's best friend and is a very important piece of fishing tackle. The recorder will certainly mark bluefish and it may also show small pods of weakfish lying right on the bottom. The blues will be marked from only a few feet off the bottom to the mid-depth range. The weaks will usually hug the bottom. To catch them, modify the basic retrieve by dropping the jig down and only reeling in 5 to 10 cranks of the line before free spooling again. This keeps the jig down low on the bottom and maximizes chances for catching a weakie.

As the seasons begins to wind down and the days regrettably get cooler and cooler, there is still solace in knowing that the bluefish action will be red hot up until November and perhaps even into December if the water temperatures stay in the 60s or high 50s. It is a time to enjoy the last gasp of the season's best inshore fishing.



Bill Buron used light spinning tackle on this 6 pound bluefish for some light tackle fun. Larger blues require conventional tackle.

HOW TO RIG A FLYING GAFF

by Kerry Douton & Tim Coleman

With offshore fishing in full swing, it wasn't surprising our mail bag contained a request from a reader in Wethersfield, Ct., who wanted to know how to rig up a flying gaff. He has a 25 footer and wanted to take some friends off Montauk for tuna.

To make sure we got the man the correct information we went over to Niantic, Ct., to talk with Kerry Douton of J&B Tackle, a well known offshore tackle shop. Kerry took a couple minutes away from Master Card slips and butterfish to give us a few pointers.

Kerry emphasized there are many brands of flying gaffs on the market. The three he carries—So-Lo, Pompanette and Aftco were ones he took down to the docks for pictures but this shouldn't be taken as a commercial for them. On the other hand, we had to take pictures of something.

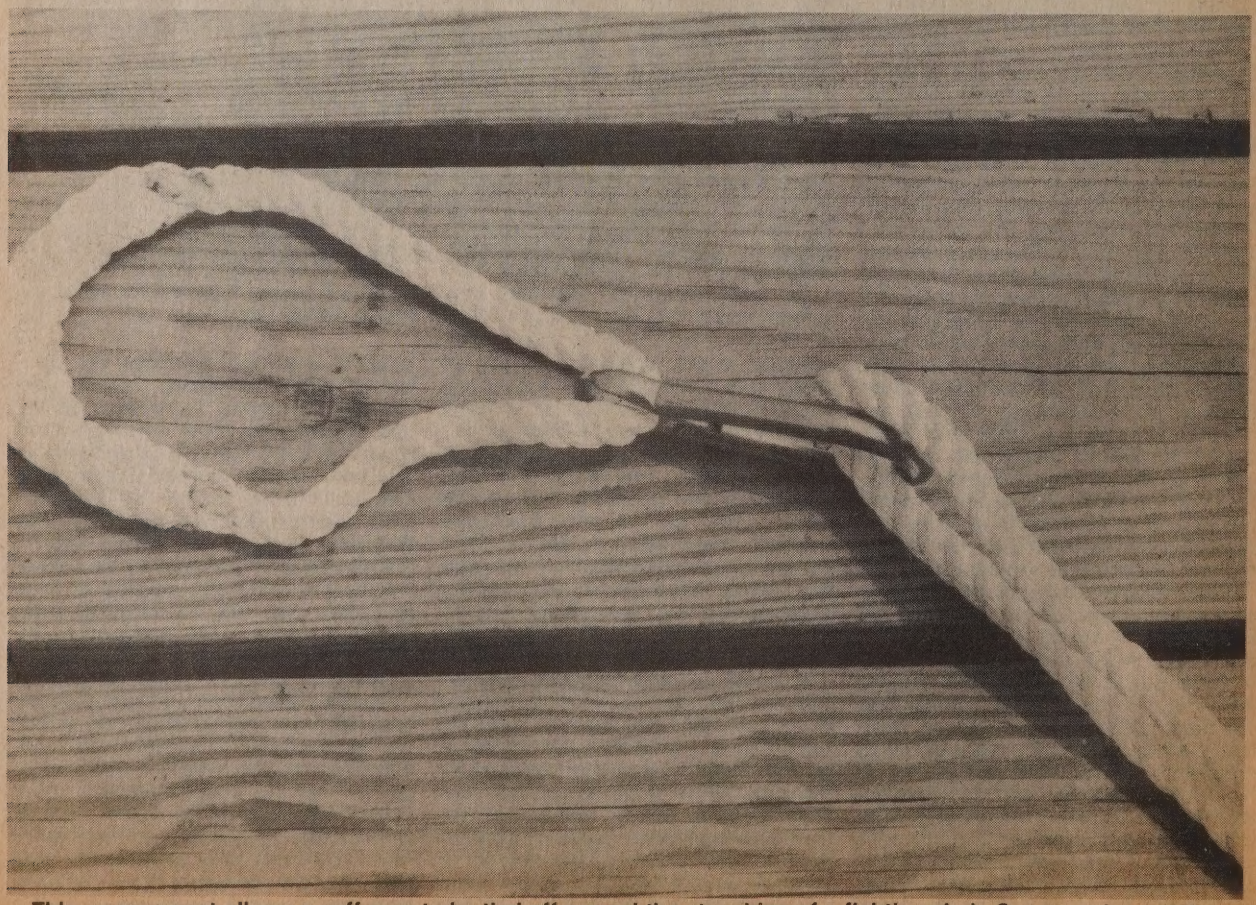
A flying gaff is made up of metal handle with grips, plus large barbed hook with an eye welded to one side of it. This hook fits on the top of the handle. Once in place on the handle, the hook is held there by a variety of methods depending on manufacturer. One company uses light line while another has a groove with twist lock arrangement. These and other methods keep the hook in place but once you stick it into a tuna, it will come off to hopefully stay in the fish if you've handled the gaffing chores the right way.

On to the eye welded to the hook people usually use a metal hackle with length of nylon rope that's been attached to the hook's eye. The other end of the rop is cleated off to your boat. After gaffing, you pull on the rope to bring fish in for additional gaffing or tail roping.

Flying gaffs usually range from $100 to $300 depending on the brand and where you buy it. Keep in mind this is the price for only handle and head, not rope or tackle. Most offshore shops can outfit you with the complete package.

Kerry favors 15 feet of half inch nylon rope for his gaffs. He said any longer and the hook might rip out of a fish once it lunges after you stick it. Some worn out fish might stay in place after gaffing, but most others will dive down only to be stopped by the rope you've cleated off.

Most flying gaffs will accept different sized hooks. They range from a low of 4 inches to some 12 inch hooks now on the market. The two most popular sizes Kerry sells are 6 and 8.



This arrangement allows a gaff rope to be tied off around the stanchion of a fighting chair. See story for details.

The sixes are fine for the average shark you'll encounter or medium weight tuna. If you've got your sights set on something bigger, go to the eight inch head.

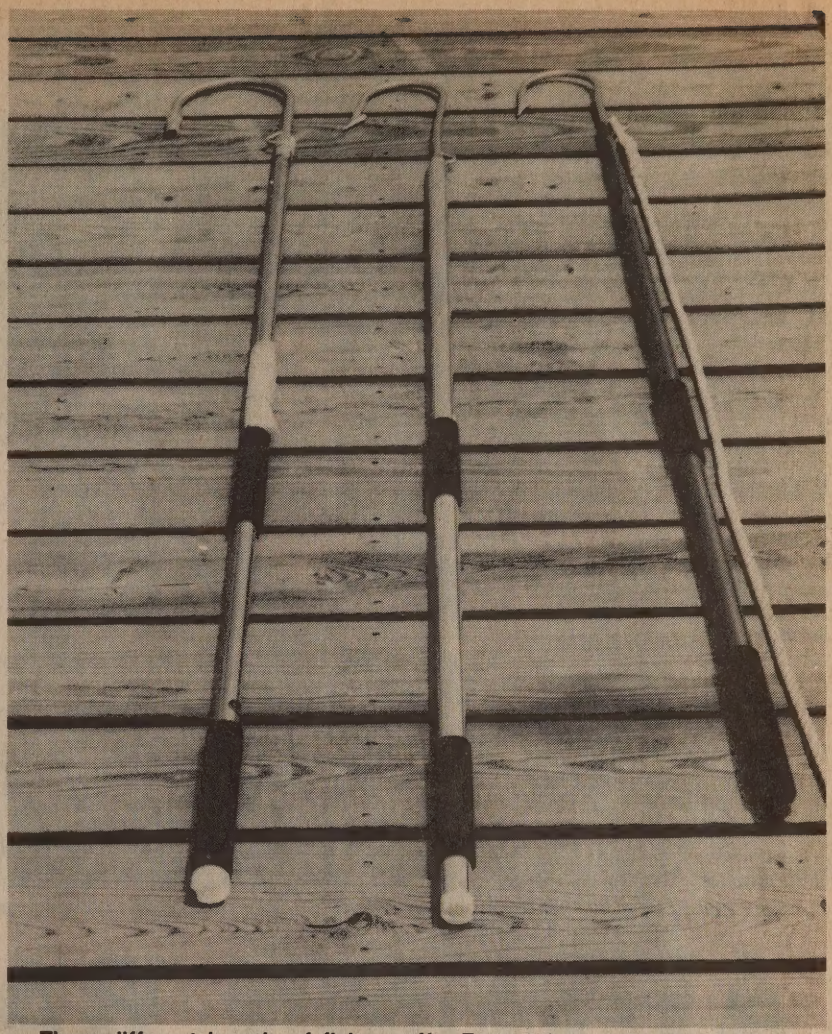
After you've selected the right brand and head you'll need someone to braid the rope around a metal hackle placed in the eye on the side of the hook. This allows an angler to pull the tuna back to the boat after the hook comes off the gaff handle. It wouldn't make much sense to release the hook into a fish without a way to get both fish and hook back. Don't laugh, it's been done by newcomers.

We might mention some anglers pull the fish to boat then stick a couple more gaffs into the fish and lift it over the side if it's not too big. If the fish is too heavy some small boaters put a couple tail ropes on then tow it back to port. Boats with gin poles or fish doors bring the fish aboard then head for the weigh station.

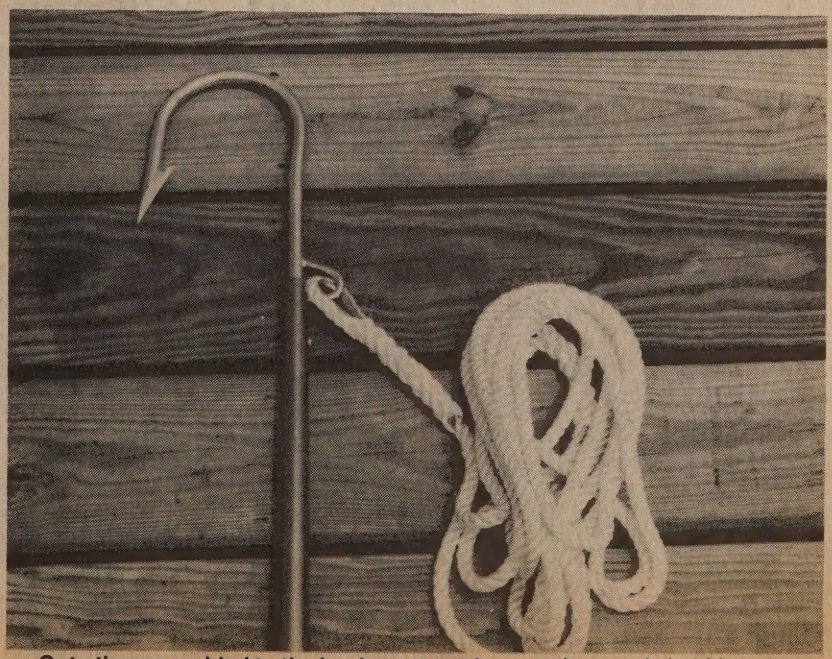
While most anglers cleat their flying gaff ropes to the underside of the gunwale, Kerry makes up a little something different for customers with fighting chairs. He takes a piece of half inch nylon then braids it back on itself to form a circle. This is slipped over the fighting chair stanchion. Onto the circle of rope he puts a stainless clip. Once that's taken care of he puts the other end of the gaff rope to the clip. The reasoning behind this setup is if a tuna takes off from one side of the boat to the other the circle rope will move around the stanchion allowing gaff rope to move with it. Kerry relates some customers said this has saved them grief on active tuna right at boatside.

A couple years ago I watched a fellow who'd invited me out for some high speed trolling. About 32 fathoms south of the point he fought a yellowfin about 110 pounds right up to the boat. He was just starting out in offshore fishing so all he had were a couple sturdy bass gaffs made from fiberglass with hypalon handles. When he hit the fish, it went crazy, taking gaff with him and throwing the hook in the process. The former bass angler now carries a flying gaff.

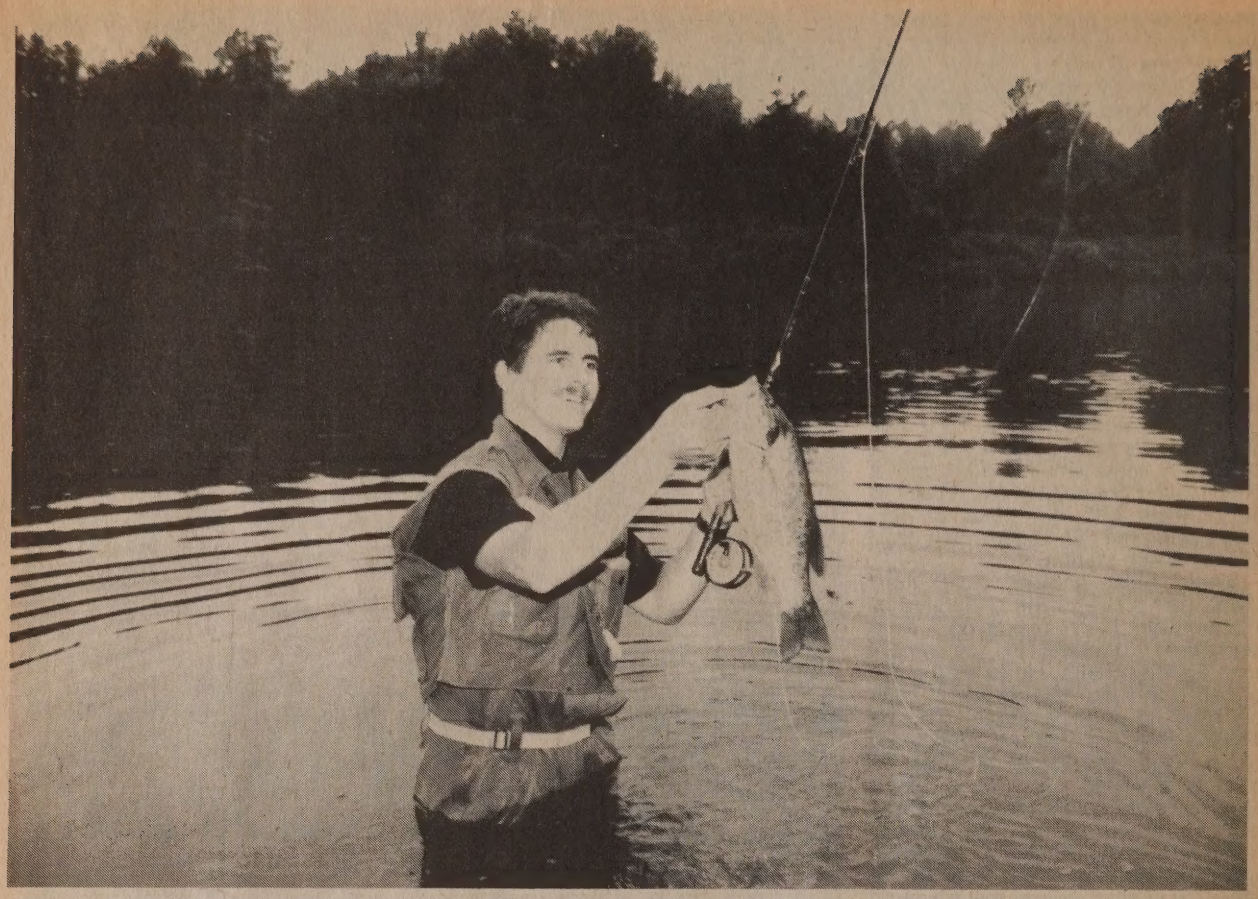
A year after the lost gaff episode I went out with Kerry who was running his father's charter boat while his father took a day's rest. The party was made up of five people who'd never done much fishing at all. In the morning we caught a couple 40 lb. albacore then hooked a very stubborn bluefin. Finally they got the fish alongside. It was only a 108 lber., not much to seasoned fishermen but to those people it was the biggest fish of their lives; they sorely wanted to bring it aboard. Realizing this Kerry came down from the flybridge to gaff it. He stuck the six inch hook in first then mate Don Adams used a bluefish gaff. Together they lifted it over the side. Later, on the ride home, Kerry said that because it was important to his customers, he didn't want to take any chances landing the fish. He used a flying gaff.



Three different brands of flying gaffs. From left to right: So-Lo, Pompanette and Aftco. The price of a gaff includes handle and the hook, but not any rope.



Onto the eye welded to the hook most anglers used a metal shackle to attach their gaff rope.



AUTUMN BASSIN'

by Fred Laager

Autumn is here, bringing with it shorter days and cooler nights, enshrouding lakes and ponds in ghost-like fog as warmer water meets colder air. Far below the surface mist the larger bass that have spent the summer basking in the cool, spring fed depths have felt the urge to move toward the surface to feed.

These are the bass that have been living down deep far beyond the casual and clumsy casts of the summer fisherman. These are the bass who have grown fat feeding voraciously on smaller fish half as large as themselves. These are the old bass; the shy ones who, through luck or design, have managed to stay away from man. They are the smart ones; the wise ones, who can only be caught by fishermen who don't follow the rules by which the bass has lived his life.

It was early autumn and the late afternoon sun laid low on the hillside. A monarch butterly, departing a bit late in the season and on his migration south flew by me and was silhouetted against a shaft of sunlight while far overhead the sound of migrating geese filled the sky with song. The trees themselves have begun to sing their own music with vibrant colors as loud as any marching band and I was content with my position in the lake and inspired by the beauty I saw around me.

Toward the east end of the lake I watched three fishermen who were doing quite well catching their fair shares of crappie, pickerel and pumpkinseeds and I also noticed that they were eyeing me suspiciously; wondering no doubt why I was doing so much watching and so little fishing. I watched a pair of swans cruising along the cattails and some mallards feeding in the shallows. On a nearby stump a muskrat sat grooming himself while along the shoreline a covey of quail shuffled by in single file. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a doe sipping water by the shoreline while behind her the dark form of the buck stood watching.

It seemed the longer I remained motionless, the more I became accepted by the animals of the lake. Fish began to feed around me taking small insects that happened to alight on the surface. I could see bluegills finning in the pads three feet away, darting here and there in search of a meal. A carp, rooting on a nearby sandbar, stirred up the bottom and then swam over to me and rested against my leg. A slight nudge sent him looking for accommodations elsewhere.

As the evening approached, so, too, an overcast sky drifted in from the south bringing with it a misty rainfall. Quickly I donned a collapsible rain jacket I had stashed in my vest and held my position, confident that, unlike the Wicked Witch of the West, I wouldn't melt with the advent of a little September drizzle. Unfortunately, my fellow anglers on shore didn't share the undaunted enthusiasm I had for fishing, so they packed their

equipment and climbed into the cars where they sat for the next 10 minutes watching me watching them until, confident that I was a lunatic, they each drove off leaving me alone in the quiet of an autumn dusk.

It is a sad fact that most fishermen live by a rule of convenience feeling that the fish will bite when the fishermen want them to bite. In an effort to save work or add to their comfort, most anglers will choose the easy way out and fish using the most conventional means available and methods that have been traditionally sound and productive. Often this entails fishing in an easy access area, fishing during the most beautiful of weather conditions and fishing with the same lures everyone else is fishing with. At best, your results will be ordinary if you adhere to ordinary rules.

Conditions favorable to the fisherman are rarely those conditions favorable to the fish. It is a tenet of a good fisherman that states, "To catch an uncommon fish, you must do some uncommon fishing." That is, you must fish when others don't, fish during conditions that others do not, fish where others do not, fish in a way others do not and fish with a method others don't use. Do these things and you stand a good chance of catching fish others do not catch.

With these thoughts in mind, I peered across the lake while water droplets poured off the rim of my hat. Suddeny to my right a large wake swirled from beneath a lily pad sending the nearby cattails swaying. Quickly I tied on a large popper and had it sailing in mid air toward the scene of the disturbance. Simultaneously as the lure fell upon the pad, the rain stopped and all was silent as the popper lay poised, ready for the plunge.

Like a large, heavy stone the popper touched the water and was engulfed in a splash of sound and fury. Pulling back sharly on the rod, I set the hook deeply into something solid and alive. Immediately I felt the power and the strength of the unknown. Whatever was on the other end of the line was large and was pulling doggedly showing his disappointment with the entre I had offered.

Darkness came and still he pulled and tugged. Twice in the twilight darkness the fish jumped, first on the left side of the channel and then on the right. With every bit of pressure I applied he would react immediately, unhesitant and persistent. Time after time he would pull the light line into the grass and I would have to wade over to the spot, slap the water with my hand and scare him out. He was an old bass, no doubt. One of the smart ones who came up from the depths this rainy autumn night to feed in the warth of the shallows.

It wasn't until ten minutes passed that the bass came into my waiting hands. Through the light of a small flashlight I admired the husky fellow wishing that he had bit during the daylight hours when others could have seen him fight and admire his beauty. His dark olive and bronze coloration was accented by vertical bands producing a tiger-striped pattern that started at his ruby eyes and continued down his sides toward his broad tail. This was a large bass well over 4 lbs. and he had fought as well as any fish could fight and leapt and danced as well as a smallmouth could. Unfortunately, I had left my camera at home due to the inclement forecast and was unable to preserve on film the beauty of **Micropterus dolomieui**, so, after holding him steady in the water for a few seconds, I set him free and began casting through the darkness hoping for another bite.

Late season fishing is often productive, but plan on dressing accordingly. ***Dick Mermon photo.***

The first rule one must adhere to in fishing for bass is to fish as close to dark as possible at a time when others do not fish. Most of the larger bass I catch are taken during the evening or early in the morning before or during daybreak. Darkness can hide numerous mistakes and often bass will hit the lure only inches away from the rod tip allowing you to get as close as possible to the action you are looking for. Casts will be shorter and with less line out there will be more control over the fish. Also, the color of the lure isn't as critical at night as it is in daylight. In the dark only the action of the lure is critical with the choice being whether to use a popper, floater, diver, sputter bait, spinner bait, slider or crawler. Also, at these hours there is less activity on a lake or river. There are not as many canoeists, swimmers or other fishermen to hinder your success. To fish when others do not also includes fishing late into the season, especially in autumn when the days are a bit chilly and most fishermen have put their poles away till next year.

The second rule to follow is to fish during conditions others don't fish. I am especially successful during inclement weather almost entirely because there is less activity on a lake or pond during a shower and often, many terrestrial insects are washed off the branches of overhanging trees at these times causing the fish to feed. Foggy, overcast days are also highly productive for the same reasons and it is on these kinds of days that you won't cast a shadow that will frighten the fish.

The third rule I follow is to fish

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where others don't. Most fishermen only cast where it is convenient for them to cast. Overhanging branches pose a threat to novice anglers so often as not they throw the lure into open water where they won't get it fouled on anything. They are doing exactly what every other fisherman before them has done, so they will undoubtedly do only as well as every other fisherman. To catch the rare fish you must be daring and take a chance. Cast underneath the branch of the overhanging tree. You might be surprised at what is hiding there.

Fishing where others don't also involves positioning yourself where others don't go or can't go and using waders or a boat will allow you to accomplish this. Chest waders are a helpful item to have allowing you to get out to where the fish are and have more clearance to make your casts. Using waders is only productive, however, if you are careful not to cause too much commotion or turn up the bottom sediment. Still, a boat is an even nicer piece of equipment giving you an even greater range, but the higher profile you have in a boat tends to spook the fish. Also, a boat is a much more expensive and less portable item than chest waders and boats are not allowed on some of the smaller ponds. When practiced properly, boating or wading is one key to getting lunker bass.

Finally, you must fish using a method others don't use. For me, fly fishing is a prime choice because it all allows me to put a large variety of lures into very tight places without getting the hooks fouled in grass or debris. With a 7 weight outfit I can work more spots in less time and cause practically no surface disturbances while doing so. When the fly hits the water I can work it for a few feet and then lift it clear and place it in another likely area. A large variety of flies and bugs are available at local sport shops, but I find poppers to be the most enjoyable to fish because they entice bass into jumping free from the water adding excitement to the fight.

Now that I've let you in on the rules that I fish by let me tell you about the most important rule of all: flexibility. Like the old bass that has learned to adapt to conditions unfavorable to fishermen; so, too, the fisherman must adapt to the conditions of a changing sport. As more pressure is put upon the fish, as the number of fish decrease, as more fishermen cast more lures over lunker bass, it will be the fortunate fish that finds sanctuary far away from man's encroachment. Only the angler who is flexible in his habits will be able to break away from the mold cast by countless generations of anglers used to fishing for bass in a barrel. Like the old shy bass, the experienced fisherman will seek the places hidden from the common view; he will fish when others don't and he will adopt a new set of rules, inevitably meeting the wise old fish who has learned to do the same.

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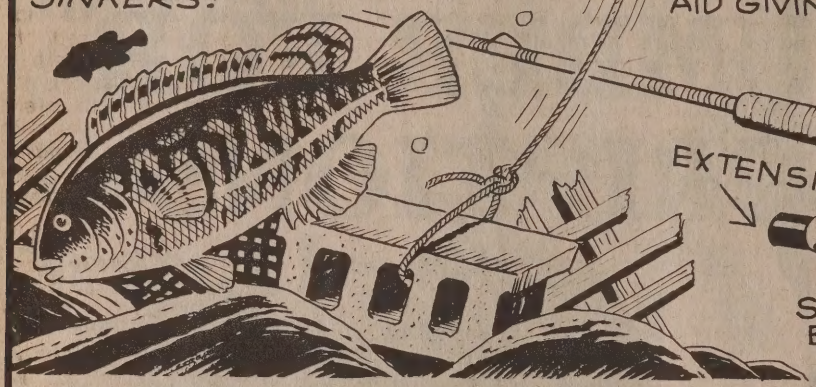
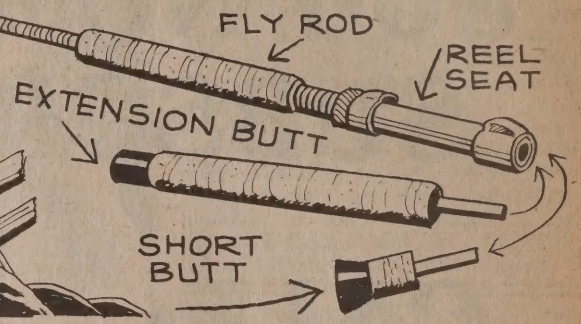
BY FRED GUARDINEER

WHEN BLACKFISHING OVER A DEBRIS STREWN WRECK-REEF, SAVE YOUR ANCHOR FROM BECOMING HUNG UP BY SUBSTITUTING AN EXPENDABLE CEMENT BLOCK TIED TO A CLOTHES LINE... *DO BRING EXTRA HOOKS AND SINKERS!*

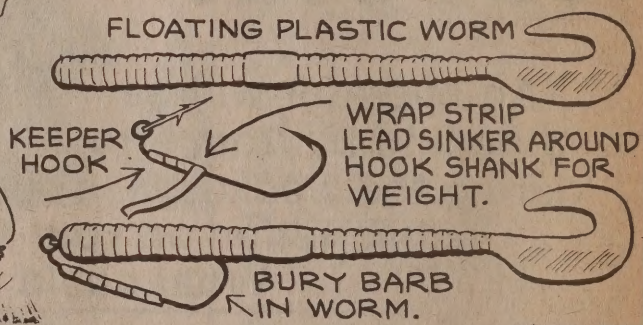


SALTWATER FLY RODS WITH SHORT BUTTS CAN USUALLY HAVE A LONGER *"FIGHTING BUTT"* EXTENSION INSTALLED WHICH MAY BE REMOVABLE OR PERMANENT. THE EXTENSION, POSITIONED AGAINST THE STOMACH, IS AN AID GIVING LEVERAGE WHEN FIGHTING A FISH.



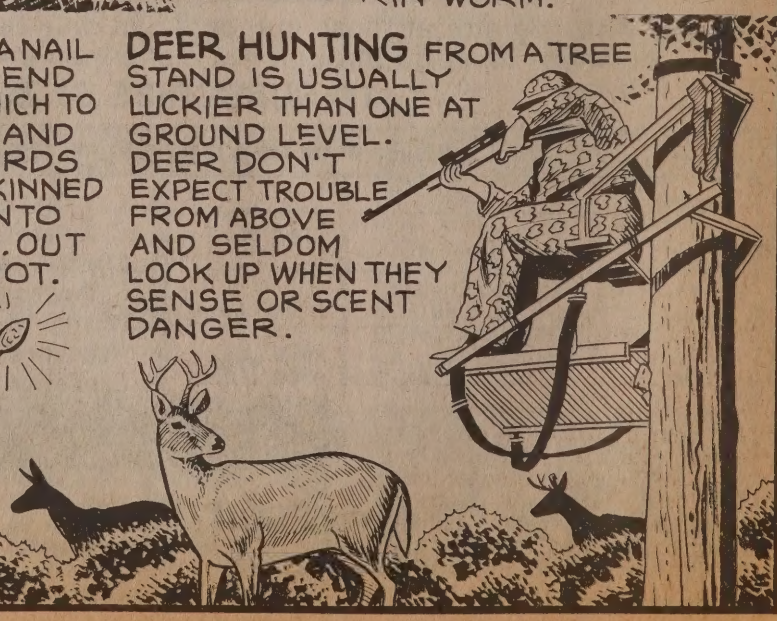
NOW'S THE TIME WHEN BASS START TO MOVE OUT INTO THEIR WINTER QUARTERS.. LARGER ONES SEEK OUT DEEPER HOLES... ONE WAY TO LOCATE THEM IS TO FISH A PLASTIC WORM VERY SLOWLY ON THE BOTTOM IN 10 TO 20 FT. OF WATER.

TO MAKE A BUOYANT PLASTIC WORM SINK SLOWLY, WRAP A LEAD STRIP SINKER AROUND THE HOOK. *USING A KEEPER HOOK* WITH A BARBED SHANK FOR IMPAILING THE WORM HEAD MAKES IT EASIER TO ATTACH A WORM AND PREVENTS THE WORM FROM TWISTING.



HAMMERING THE POINT OF A NAIL FLAT FORMS A SPADE LIKE END WITH SHARP EDGES WITH WHICH TO DIG OUT IMBEDDED SHOT AND FEATHERS FROM GAME BIRDS AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN SKINNED OR PLUCKED. INSERT IT INTO SHOT-HOLE AND TWIST... OUT COME FEATHERS AND SHOT.

DEER HUNTING FROM A TREE STAND IS USUALLY LUCKIER THAN ONE AT GROUND LEVEL. DEER DON'T EXPECT TROUBLE FROM ABOVE AND SELDOM LOOK UP WHEN THEY SENSE OR SCENT DANGER.



East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

"The game's not over, 'til it's over" certainly applied to the east end the past week. Offshore boats loaded up with tuna, most times limiting out on bluefin and returning home early. Reports of at least one giant tuna, many shark hookups and monster blues livened up the scene. Blackfish, porgies, some flounder and loads of bass added variety to the fishing picture.

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Captain Chuck Mallinson found tuna waiting when the **Joy-Sea** reached the Aquarium on Saturday. The first tuna hit a bait a few feet from the boat, before any chum was put into the water. Michael Meaney and his friends quickly caught their limit of 32 bluefin to 125 lbs., plus 11 yellowfin to 100 lbs., all on butterfish bait, no chum was needed. Captain Mallinson expects this hot action to last through the month, and has only a few open dates. Call for information.

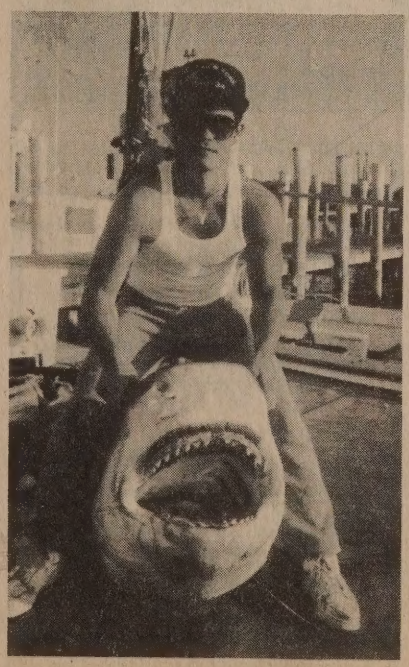
Anglers on the **King Wayne** enjoyed a tuna blitz, also fishing at the Aquarium on Friday with George and Frank Kadlac and friends Don Black and Bill Hojo. The group boated 18 yellowfin, 7 bluefin and an 80 lb. mako. Large blue sharks which jumped on tuna baits inhibited tuna catches. Sunday's charter with Joseph Palone returned width a total of 14 tuna, mostly bluefisn with at least as many lost. A fluke trip to Block Island last Monday was called short due to bad seas after 15 fluke to 3 lbs. were caught in two drifts; the group switched to local blues, catching a barrel full, plus a half dozen bass. Other charters during the week opted for blues: Rich Polukak from the Motorola Co., a group from Allstate Insurance and Ed Reilly all caught their fill of blues, with many bass caught and released.

Captain Michael Potts found Blue Shark City at the Aquarium last Monday on the **Blue Fin II** when blue sharks, many over 300 lbs. jumped on all tuna baits with the Carraturos. On Friday's trip to the Butterfish Hole with Russell Drum of the East Hampton Star, a giant tuna was hooked up 15 minutes after anchoring up. Russell, who came along to photograph, was "forced" to fight the fish which weighed 433 lbs. back home. Weekend trips with the Swans from upstate New York, Artie and Gloria Emonofsky and Dr. Cavas and his family mixed blues with bottom fishing. All groups cashed in on the blues, then settling in for blackfish, sea bass and porgies after having their fill of blues. As many as 40 striped bass per trip, often multiple hook-ups on umbrella rigs were caught and released. Some weighed 20 lbs.

Dr. Mike Sauter of Port Jefferson received a phone call from Capt. Greg Beacher claiming the time was right—come on down. Dr. Sauter flew to Cape Cold, met the **Dawn** and in short order caught a 771 lb. giant tuna. Timing is everything in life.

John Girolamo, a regular on the **Viking's** tuna trips called in the results of last Wednesday's tuna trip to the Aquarium. Although giant blue sharks were a problem, 12 anglers boated a total of 45 tuna, mostly yellowfin and bluefin, with Kris Gajajiva handling 7 tuna; John Behan (of Brooklyn) boating five, including the 125 lb. pool winner. Others involved in the tuna frenzy were Joe O'Connor, John Iadevia and Todd Murray. Girolamo, returned to Port Jefferson Station with three tuna, plus a few extra tuna tails. We understand that the dock master at the town marina in Port Jefferson was a bit surprised to find tuna tails nailed to the pilings next to the **Port Jeff Ace.**

Captain Paul Forsberg was at the helm for Saturday night's **Starship** tuna trip to the Aquarium and was forced to return early—was back in time for lunch, since anglers had caught their limit on bluefins. A total of 203 tuna were caught by 40 anglers: 160 bluefins, the rest yellowfin to 95 lbs. and a lone longfin albacore. The crew filleted tuna until 5:30 PM. Captain Forsberg likes the amount of porgies at Block Island, mostly large size with some jumbos. Most everyone going home with full coolers. Although bluefish are plentiful and of tackle busting size at night, trips have been curtailed to weekends: Friday, Saturday and Sunday sailing at 7PM.



Jan Cohen celebrated his 18th birthday with this 475 lb. tiger shark. It was caught aboard the "Crickett II," 25 miles SW of Montauk.

Captain Dusty Dorzbacher has been fishing both local waters and Block Island on the **Little Bear** for nice catches of porgies. He expects to continue sailing through the month or as long as the weather holds up.

Henry Uihlein has seen excellent catches of blackfish made on his rentals from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals.** Anglers fishing at Shagwong were drifting green crabs, anchoring when they had a hit. Most returned with 15 to 20 blacks in the 5 to 7 lb. range. Flounder are plentiful and a good standby in foul weather, at the Coast Guard Station in the Lake. Blues remain great.

Dana Aaronson spoke of the heavy tuna bite at the Aquarium on the weekend remarking that some charter boats were returning to **Tuma's Dock and Tackle** with as many as 15 bluefin and yellowfin. Blue sharks, however, were a problem. The "Abracadabra" reported losing a very large bluefin at boat side one day and a mako another day. The mako took a bluefish bait on a Cartwright rig at the Butterfish Hole. Inshore, bluefish are excellent, although trolling produced better tha jigging the past week. A charter arranged by Joe Balough cut its trip short after catching over 100 blues and returned to the dock before noon. The moon tide seemed to have affected blackfish attempts on the weekend, however, plenty of sea bass and porgies were caught at Shagwong.

Captain Mike Albronda of the charter boat **Montauk** reports fine all around fishing for tuna, shark, bluefish, striped bass, albacore, bonito, porgies, sea bass and blackfish. Saturday's groups enjoyed half day light tackle fishing with about 2 dozen bass to 20 lbs. caught on light tackle. Many false albacore were caught at the Point, also on light tackle. Captain Mike looks forward to a great bass season, since there are more bass at the Point than is usual for this time of year. Call him to check on October open dates for bass and blackfish c charters.

Last Saturday, David Ryan and his group fished on the **Alyssa Ann** hoping for tuna at the Butterfish Hole and finding none, cashed in on blues and green bonito at the Point. Sunday's trip tested the muscles of Dave Zuckerman and his friends from Freeport High School's Athletic Department. The group caught 6 bluefin and a fellowfin tuna, plus fought and released a very large blue shark. Shark activity was outrageous, according to Capt. Bill Ricca, with sharks cutting up hooked tuna. Building seas shortened the trip.

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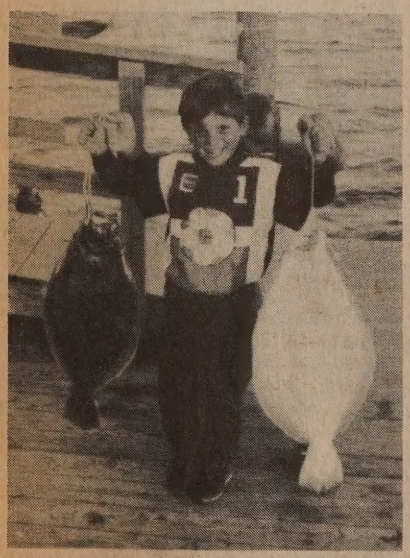
Captain Ron Grandinetti has been doing very well with porgies, and sea bass on the **Julie III**. Friday's trip with Willie Matthews of the Bronx was especially good, since over 800 porgies, some to 3½ lbs. were caught fishing east of Great Eastern. Weekend trips on the south side saw a boat load of porgies with Mr. Jones on Saturday, plus 5 fluke top weight 6 lbs.; 153 sea bass to 3½ lbs. plus a load of porgies with Tyrone Lewis.

Captain Steve Mauss has been concentrating on bulldog blackfish on the charter boat **Kraken III**, fishing mostly at Shagwong and Cerebus Shoals, meeting with very good results. Elaine Bloom, trying for a world record fish, came close with a 10 lber., while Larry Bridges on his day off from **Captain's Cove Marina** tangled with an 11 lb. 5 oz. blackfish. Since bluefishing remains very good, Capt. Mauss is scheduling black and blue charters. Call him for information.

Jim Grubb started out for Butterfish Hole tuna on Sunday, but decided to stay inshore when the winds blew up. Jim, Tommy Butler and Doug MacVittie loaded up with a couple of dozen false albacore and bluefish on the south side, on the My Toy II before heading back to **Star Island Yacht Club.**

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** concentrated on sharks and inshore blues this past week. Last Monday, Ergel Ruan and his family tangled with a 198 lb. mako and a 300 lb. blue shark, which hooked up simultaneously, creating some acrobatics on the boat. All had a hand in fighting the two fish, with a teenager finishing the fight on the mako. Friday's trip with Harry Mursee



Six-year-old Joseph Traina, Jr., with a pair of Montauk doormats caught within 10 minutes of each other. The youngster was fishing aboard his dad's boat, 'Gawley.' The big flatties weighed in at 9 and 11 lbs.

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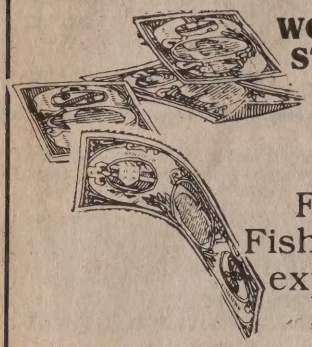

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Joanne and Brian Dwyer spent their week long honeymoon fishing at Montauk, launching their trailered boat at **Gone Fishing Marina**. Their daily catches included bonito, blues, blacks, fluke, flounder, porgies, sea bass and blowfish, with an emphasis on Washington Shoals blackfish. Tom Jordon reported that the marina based boat "Mimi" got in a morning's fishing on Outer Shagwong on Sunday before the winds cut the trip short, and returned with 20 blackfish to 10 lbs. using green crabs. The same day, Sal and T.J., filled a 151 qt. cooler on the "Contagious" with porgies, sea bass and blackfish, fishing the south side. T.J. reported a rare triple header of sea bass, blackfish and porgy, quite a handful. Offshore anglers report great action with tuna and blue shark at the Aquarium, occasional tuna at the Butterfish Hole.

Captain Ray Rigano sailed the **Lori Jay** to the Aquarium where "Mako" Mike Zanicchi, Al Lalli, and Bob Libbey caught 20 bluefin and yellowfin tuna, two of the bluefins weighing 150 lbs.

Fishing alongside, the "Malkessa" limited out on bluefin and also fought and lost a thresher shark.

SOUTH FORK

George Pharoah said that although not many skiffs were rented from **Bayview Marine and Tackle** this week, private boats liked Cedar Point for porgies. Blues are everywhere from South Ferry to Gardiner's Island, with those trolling umbrella rigs getting big scores. Best blackfish reports came from Orient and Plum Island the past week.

Thom Speckenbach at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** said that the fishing picture remained steady the past week, with plenty of sea bass and porgies at Heady Creek; sea bass, porgies and flounder at thePonquogue bridge. Blues and weakfish were caught in Shinnecock Inlet, with bucktails or live bait working on the weaks. Lots of blues are still entrenched in the Peconics and at Gardiner's Island. Best bet for blackfish seemed to be Plum and Gull Islands, and the Brickyard in Southold Bay. Offshore, large blue sharks were reported in 180 feet of water.

Captain Artie Lach called to say that the **Wilhelric II** is now full time blackfishing, with a dozen free green crabs included in the fare. Apparently Capt. Lach has been waiting for a report from his scouts; this weekend, "Old Bulldog Face" found fish on Mad Dog Reef. Fishing was excellent since in one hour "Bulldog" had 20 blackfish in the boat, one of 11½ lbs., all over 6 lbs. Wind and tide conditions called an abrupt halt to the trip. **Wilhelric II** will leave at 7AM promptly.

Al Flexer found sea bass, porgies, some flounder and a few keeper fluke at the Ponquogue Bridge on the weekend. Donald Mitchell, fishing with **Al Feather's Jigs** nearly filled a pail with sea bass and porgies on Friday, prompting him to return on Saturday with two friends. The three anglers caught two and a half buckets of fish. While blues were scarce in this area the latter part of last week, some very large, to twelve inches, snappes are hanging around. Flounder, some to one and a half pounds were also plucked from under the bridge. John Papajohn Junior took time off from his deli duties on Friday night to catch small weakfish in the Shinnecock Canal on feather jigs.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Flounder fishing continued to lag in some areas as a result of another unusually warm week. The best results appear to be had by boatmen working the State Channel in Great South Bay. Current cold snap should go a long way towards improving the flatfishing in both bays. A fine run of big weakfish in Great South Bay and Fire Island Inlet highlighted the weekend action. Many weaks in the 8 to 12 pound class and some in the 15 and 16 pound range were livelined by boatmen throughout the week and on Saturday and Sunday. Blackfishing too, could stand a kick which the cold snap should provide but there are plenty of sea bass and small porgies keeping sinker bouncers busy in the meantime. Ocean bluefishing remains good with some excellent fishing being enjoyed at night.

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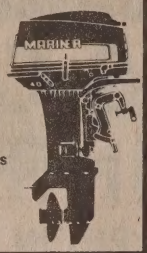

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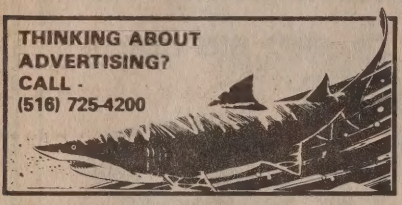

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run of weakfish, unparalleled in his memory, continues to be the main attraction for rental skiff customers. Lots of 1 to 3 pound weakfish being taken from the hole east of Buoy 42 on hi-low rigs baited with blood or sandworms. Sea bass and porgies are mixed with the weaks. On the better days, boats return with between 20 and 40 weakfish. Flounder have been spotty all week which Gary attributes to the warm spell. The current cold snap should get the flounder fishing off the ground this week. Still plenty of crabs in the vicinity of Buoy 27.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Not much going on at the docks aside from big crabs according to Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Plenty of sea bass being reported from Ocean Beach and the R.M. Bridge but not many blackfish reports in recent days. Flounder fishing was slowed by the warm weather in both bays with just a few fair catches reported from Moriches. Still big blues inside Moriches Inlet at mid-week on bait. Live bunker accounted for some big weakfish as well. Earlier in the week Matt Preston, Steve Kelly and Pete Kaplan returned from the Sea Buoy with 12 blues to 11 pounds taken on butterfish baits. They did not chum.

Rod DiGiacomo at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** said that he had some poor blackfish reports as well as some decent catches. In general, the fishing has been dull this past week. Big news has been an excellent run of weakfish along South Beach on live bunker, blackfish and snappers. Fish range from 8 or 9 pounds on up. A few flounder being picked in the Sore Thumb Pocket and blues just outside the inlet on several occasions this week. Most were in the 3 to 6 pound range.

From **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Jim Romano said that some boatmen continue to do a good job on the blackfish. Others have a difficult time of it. One of the better catches was reported by Morton Sapolin and his crew aboard 'Naughty Morty' on Saturday. Fishing the Kismet Reef, he and his crew put away 60 blackfish up to 5 pounds. Lots of small porgies and sea bass at the Robert Moses Bridge and lots of porgies at Buoy 8 on bloodworms. Small weaks are south of Heckscher taking squid strips but the real excitement has been large tiderunner weaks being livelined all week west of the Lighthouse along South Beach on snappers, bunker and blackfish. Still some big snappers at the Maple Street Dock in Islip but the current cold snap might well send them on their way. Best bet for good size sea bass and porgies is on the Ocean Reef or wrecks.

Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** labeled the blackfishing as ok on the Kismet Reef. Smaller fish on the Barge at Oak Beach along with sea bass and porgies. A few flounder being picked from the Sore Thumb Pocket but a couple of boatmen managed decent scores on Saturday by chumming heavy. Lots of 8 to 12 pound weakfish this past week on snappers, bunker and blackfish at the WR Buoy and at the Inlet. Fish the WR Buoy on incoming and the Inlet on the Ebb. Lots of bluefish in 60 to 80 feet of water. Fish are mixed in size ranging anywhere from 3 to 15 pounds and they are being jigged, trolled and baited. The Canyon was hot Friday night with one boat returning with a big catch of yellowfins taken by chunking. Carl also knew of several confirmed giants taken at the Mud Hole this past week.

From **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Noel Kappauf said that blackfishing had been lagging but showed new life on Sunday which he attributed to the sharp change in temperatures. Some flounder being picked from the Jones Beach, Robert Moses and Captree

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Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** reported that after a slow week blackfishing bounced back well on Sunday with dropping temperatures triggering some good action. Neil felt that the week of cool temperatures predicted should move the fishing into high gear.

The Patchogue Grounds provided some super bluefish action on numerous occasions this past week. Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** spoke of great nighttime action all week with the exception of Saturday night. Most trips saw catches of 30 to 40 per man common while Saturday dropped off to a couple of hundred fish with a big crowd of anglers aboard. Fish have been averaging about 8 pounds but there are good numbers of 12 to 15 pounders mixed with them. The Capt. Scotty 3 is now sailing blues 7AM and 7PM daily.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** called the bottom fishing fair to good all week long with Thursday rating an excellent from the skipper. Regulars Al and Joe put away 79 sea bass from ¾ to 3 pounds that day. Saturday saw a good mix of sea bass and porgies with an increasing number of blacks. Virginia Kilgore had 19 sea bass and blackfish including a pool winning 6 pound tog. She also managed to land a 15 pound bluefish on a porgy hook. She returned for more bluefish action on the night trip and must have had her fill. She left the boat with 19 blues from 8 to 12 pounds. Sunday, on the Offshore Reef, a fairly good pick of porgies and sea bass rounded out the weekend. Night bluefishing has been very good. Saturday night's trip saw John Blando put away 38 choppers, Craig Cotter, 31 and Gerard Chevelaz, 22. Fish averaged 8 to 12 pounds and were taken in the vicinity of the Patchogue Grounds.

Aboard the open boat **Miss Captree** Capt. Carl Passaro felt that the bottom fishing had improved over the past week with mixed bag catches of blackfish, porgies and sea bass still the rule. An occasional big fluke or blue has been mixed in as well. On Wednesday's trip, 6 fares accounted for over 250 sea bass and blackfish. The fishing was done over an offshore wreck. John Gutman took a pail and a half of sea bass to 3½ pounds as well as some blacks to 6 pounds. Pool winner was an 8½ pound tautog. On Saturday, Maroshi Fugii and Gene Morisko filled 2 buckets with sea bass and porgies. They also added a couple of blackfish to 7½ pounds. John Greis had the pool winner, an 8 pound black while Vinnie DeRosa had 3 big blackfish among his catch. Sunday's fishing was lost to mechanical problems but they were repaired and the

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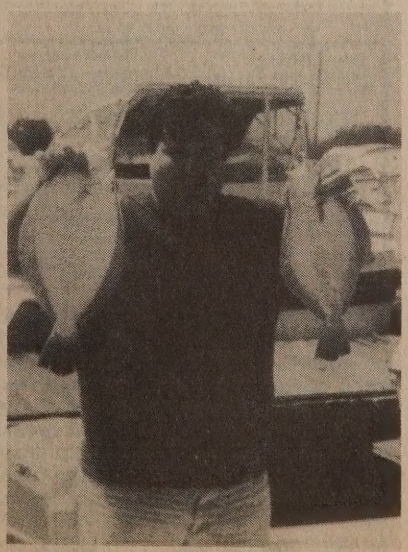

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Capt. Richie Leitch of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Leitch** had some good flounder fishing to report. On Friday, 8 anglers accounted for 175 flounder and lots of sea bass. Harold and Clara Marquardt combined to take 43 flounder and 15 sea bass. John ad Dolly Rossetti accounted for 46 flounder and 22 sea bass. John Bozzo had 32 flounder and 10 sea bass. The skipper said that most trips have been averaging 15 to 20 flatties per man with weekends sometimes off due to very heavy boat traffic. Flounder fishing should continue to gather momentum as the bay waters cool. Richie has been working the State Channel and on occasion the Sore Thumb Pocket.

Weakfish were the big news at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** according to Tom Healy. A number of shop customers capitalized on an excellent run of big fish located at the Wreck Buoy and the Inlet this week. Ray Bartlett and Gene Quarello did a good job on the fish Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Best scores were being made near the WR Buoy on the flood tide and at the Construction Dock and Inlet on the Ebb tide. Bunker, snappers and blackfish have all been taking fish. Most of the fish range from 8 to 12 pounds but Gene did weigh one fish in at 16 pounds 2 ounces. The 'Special K' put away 16 tiderunners on Saturday with the biggest checking in at 15 pounds 10 ounces. Other boats getting in on the action over the weekend were the 'Jen-Jack' and the 'Karen E'. Blackfishing was reduced to a picky affair this past week but some decent catches were made nonetheless. John Senft of Babylon Fish and Clam worked the area near the Coast Guard Station to the tune of 30 blackfish. Best bet for flounder has been in the State Channel and the East-West Channel between Babylon and Lindenhurst. The private boat 'Millie' returned with 26 flounder to 1¼ pounds from the latter spot on Satur-

day. Big snapper blues still lingering around the local docks. Tom has been taking some in the 1 to 1½ pound class in the early morning hours on broken back Rebels. This cold snap might send them on their way. The 'Miss Ellie' returned from the Virginia on Friday with 10 bluefin tuna to 70 pounds, 5 of the fish were released. All were taken by chunking.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** said that flounder have slowed due to the warm weather with catches down to about 10 per man. He has been working the State Channel between the Babylon and Lindenhurst Cuts. Sea bass, blowfish and porgies have been mixed with the flounder. The current cold spell should improve the fishing again and a reminder that the boat will be sailing its regular schedule on Columbus Day.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, John Obedzinski reported a steady pick of flounder in the State Channel from Grass Island to Fox Island. Chumming with clams or mussels is a must and worms working best in the bait department. A fair pick of blacks at the Robert Moses and Captree Drawbridge as well as at Kismet Reef. From shore, try the Construction Dock on the north side of Robert Moses Field 2 or the Sore Thumb. Big weakfish livelined on snappers and bunker at the WR Buoy all week long. Tom Jacobellis weighed a 13½ pounder on Sunday. Still some snappers hanging around the docks but the best action has been over at Captree where the fish are gathered prior to their departure. Bluefish SE of the Inlet in 70' of water on bait, jigs and trolling.

From **Charlie's Tackle Shop** in **Lindenhurst**, Jimmy Schaefer spoke of some decent flounder fishing in the State Channel, East-West Channel and the Copiague Hole. Best blackfish bets are Kismet Reef, Robert Moses Bridge and Sore Thumb. Some nice catches of sea bass still coming off the Fire Island Ocean Reef. Blues to 6 pounds trolled and jigged at the Bell Buoy right outside over the weekend. On Saturday, Billy Biscardi and Joe Paradiso stopped by to weigh a pair of weaks to 12 pounds. They were livelined in Fire Island Inlet.

Chester Shew at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** said the big news around town this week was the fine run of big weakfish along South Beach. Chester told of weighing at least 15 big tide-runners in recent days. Eric Johnson had 3 to 11 pounds on Saturday. Blackfishing good for some anglers at Kismet and the better flounder fishing being found slightly to the west at Massapequa Cove and the 3rd Wantagh Bridge. Snappers and crabs lingered through the warm weather but the snappers may be on borrowed time.

Bob Vitale from **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** said that the 'Centurion' had to contend with rough seas in its attempt to fish the Canyon on Saturday night. The crew managed

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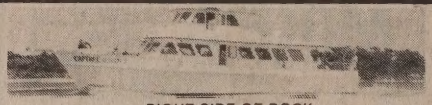

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4 yellowfin but also took a beating according to Bob. Some decent flounder scores being reported from Massapequa Cove, the Amity Cut and Four Corners. Lots of sand porgies off of Amityville opposite the Yacht Club. A very good run of weakfish near the WR Buoy on live snappers and bunker. Steve Petri has been doing a number on the fish all week.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera spoke of blackfish at the Robert Moses Bridge with Johnny Ki and his crew aboard the 'Reel Thing' putting away a big catch of tog to 6 pounds here on Saturday. Weaks, including several reported to be in the 17 pound class, livelined all week at the WR Buoy. Some flounder being taken in the State Channel near Gilgo and quite a few sea bass near the Old Construction Dock. Blues to 7 pounds were right outside the inlet on a couple of occasions this week and were falling to jigs. A reminder that Lou Rosado will be conducting a talk on codfishing and proper anchoring procedures at the Gull Restaurant at 8:30 PM on October 16th.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Nothing is as consistent as the inconsistency of our weather as we all know. This was translated this past week into catches that ranged from the picky to the fantastic on various species in the area. Fall flounder have yet to really put on a good showing, with slack being taken up by sea bass, blacks and porgies. Providing dynamite action most of the time have been the bluefish which are really getting up in size now, into the upper teens. Also the canyon tuna action for those who could manage the trip has been the best in recent history.

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boat **3 Sea-sons** have been banging away at canyon tuna for the most part having very good catches of yellowfin and bluefin tuna. The expect the Bacardi area to open up soon which will bring tuna action must closer to shore. Frank says the boat will be sailing all year from now on, thus he is now accepting codfishing charters, a first time event for this particular boat.

To the west in Wantagh, Mike at **Causeway Tackle** advised the flounder ing was way off this week. Nevertheless, a few were taken on outgoing water in Broad and Haunts Creek and in Massapequa Cove, fish on the small side. Red clam and bloodworms did the trick and chumming was a must. Areas producing some late season fluke were Merrick Point, Rowboat Alley and Broad Creek on high water on live killies or squid sweetened bucktail. Most of these were keepers up to 4 lbs. Small blackfish at the bridges on fiddlers, rough 5 to 15 a boat. Best item was blues running 6 to 15 lbs. INSIDE the bay. Nicks Point and the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges, Big M, Sloop, Zachs Bay and off Tobay were prime for those using live bunker or tossing big floating swimmers. A customer by the name of Lou had 20 bluefish taken on bunker chunks on the bottom. Big snappers up to a pound on spearing or tins. Some big weakfish at the bridges on live bunker. Gary Lieben socked it to 9 lb. 3 oz. weak taken opposite the Jones Beach piers on a yellow bucktail.

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore spoke of the flounder and porgy activity in Fundy and Merrick Bays while customers related the best blackfishing had been at the 2nd Wantagh. Four to 8 lb. blues being trolled on umbrellas off the beaches in 30 to 50 feet of water.

Sailing out of Freeport the **StarstreaM II** happily reported good bluefishing both day and night alternating between bait and jigs, depending on conditions, etc. and skipper Richie Kessinger says the best is yet to come as the water chills down. Sunday saw excellent jigging off Gilgo but most days and nights excelent catches wer made on bait and chum from Cholera to 17 Fathoms, fish 2 to 18 lbs. A few albies, bonito and weaks mixed in.

A super duper 15 man limit tuna trip was had Wednesday on the **Blue Fin** with Capt. Sy Carlin at the helm fishing in 2400 feet of water at the canyon. Within 3 minutes of reaching the grounds said the skipper three tuna were on and it was non-stop action all day on longfin albacore, YFT and BFT to 125 lbs. There were up to 7 tuna on at one time, so thick were the fish. When Sy blew the whistle at 12:30 PM for lines up, there were still 3 to 4 fish being worked. Anglers boated 51 tuna and dropped another 50 to 75 more. Fifty lb. test monofilament spooled on a 6/0 on a 30 or 50 lb. rod seemed to be ideal. Catching four or more tuna were Jim Neyburn and Jay Mccorry of Wan-

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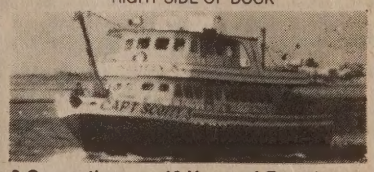
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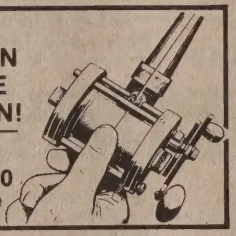

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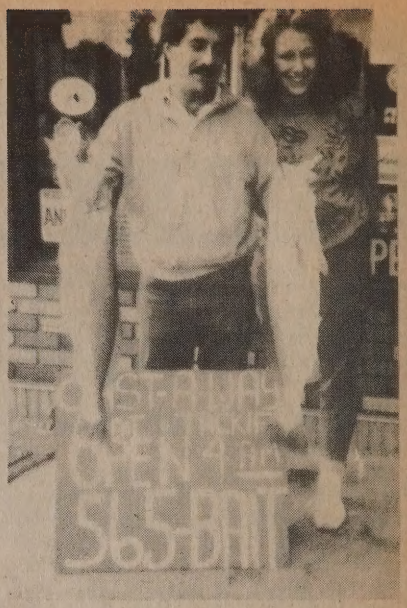

Guy and Mary Ann Rienzi took these weaks of 11.9 and 10 lbs. from the banks of the State Channel back on 8-26-86. Photo courtesy of Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle in Franklin Square.

tagh, Manny Paradiso, of Lawrence, and representing LIF Lorry Mangan, who had 4 yellowfin and took videos of her trip for her show. Carl Johnson and pal had 12. All 13 anglers caught fish with no one getting skunked. There are a few openings on the next tuna trip which is October 15th and several openings for the Oct. 29th trip. Reservations are required. Yellowfin went to 150 lbs., longfin albacore to 70 lbs., and bluefins went over 100 lbs.

Bluefish trips this week on the **Bluefin Fleet** saw very good catches to 14 lbs. with the big fish of the week caught by Bill Fazio of Wellsbach Corp. Ed Woods had 14 fish and Don Musgrove a 12 lber.High hook on blues for the week was the Bear of Henry's Tavern with 35 blues.

Bob at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** told of the super bluefishing at Cholera with fish big and in big numbers. Bait and chum has been doing it. Offshore bottom has been producing excellent catches of sea bass and blacks for the **Super Spray II**. Inside, flatties have been picky with lots of sea bass and porgies filling out catches.

We hear from the **Lady J Fleet** that some bluefish trips were better than others this week with fish being on the small side yet ranging up to 15 lbs. A few albies have been mixed in with catches on both jigs and on bait, both east of Jones, but mainly at Cholera. In the bay charters had very good catches of porgies, sea bass and some flounder. Trips this week were for: No. Merrick FD, Mid-Hudson Pam Corp., Tom Lento group, Simons USA, Sons of Norway, Lodge 337, Glen Head, and Ernie Wyatt group.

Over in Pt. Lookout we learn from

Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** that Sunday's strong winds knocked catches down to only fair, but customers still had decent catches of sea bass, blacks, fluke, porgies and a couple of blues. Most of the week right through Saturday were very good to excellent. Pat Lindroth the skipper's wife nailed a 4½ lb. sea bass. Day blues were sporadic but night blues have been very good on bait and chum on the boat's Friday and Saturday nights trips. Al says the best bluefishing is yet to come on bait and chum with cooler water the more favored haunts of the big slammers.

We hear from the **Miss Point Lookout II** that the floundering this past week was erratic once again. On the better days, high hooks went into the upper teens and on the off days catches were something like 5 to 6 flatties a man. On Sunday's AM trip Morty the Pink Maven took a 3 lb. pool winner and on the PM trip, Bob Mann had a 2 lb. pool fish. Night bluefishing continues to go strong and will continue as long as anglers want to keep pulling those big blues.

Ed's Fishing Station tells of Bob and Eva Caffiero of Flushing, bagging 21 blackfish and 11 sea bass at the Big M and Pt. Lookout bridge Saturday on fiddlers and crab. Floundering in Reynolds has been fair with catches a little better on the east side of the Big M and in Swift. Blacks picking up at the Big M with a 5 lber. weighed in. Colder water should be bringing an upsurge in the floundering shortly.

Word from **Scotty's Fishing Station** is of Sunday's catch of an 18½ lb. blue taken opposite the CG Station in Jones Inlet on a live eel by Merrick angler Bob Netel. The bridges are producing blacks, porgies, kings and small sea bass, while some nice flounder are being coaxed to the hook in the flats on bloodworms. Plenty of blues ranging off the beaches.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook heard that the flounder have picked up west of the ABB in reynolds off the jetties with fish to 1½ lbs. on bloods in Reynolds. Clam chumming is a must said Charlie. Good catches of flounder are also being made on the east side of the Big M, on the north side directly opposite the JB Piers. Blackfishing continues to be strong at the bridges with fish larger now averaging 2 lbs. with some going to 4 lbs.

Out of Atlantic Beach, Capt. Ronnie Lepper's charter boat **Kim** reports that the bluefishing has been absolutely great with most fish jumbos. Lots of striped bass and also lots of BIG striped bass, all of which of course had to be released. Ron says tuna at the Mud Hole west has been on and off with the giants that he has heard of going 400 to 800 lbs., with each day being different. This action is approximately 40 miles from our beach.

In Franklin Square, Fred at **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** told of very good blackfish action on green crab at the Big M, ABB and off the Point Lookout jetties. Regular customer Matt on his boat, On Liberty fishing Reynolds and Jones Inlet Thursday bagged 9 alligator blues from 13 to 17.3 lbs. on live bunker. West Bar has been dynamite. Lots of blues with some bones and albies at Cholera. Weakfish on live bunker in Reynolds and in the Big M area. Fred says that wherever you find sizable bunker schools, you'll find weakfish under them.

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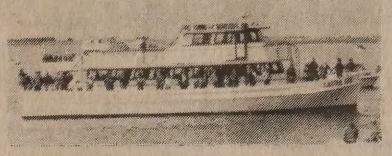

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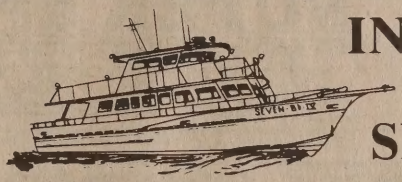

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Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay says that off the north and south channel bridges, lots of blues, bass and weaks in the 10 to 12 lb. range are hitting whole or chunk bunker. There are also bass in the 25 to 35 lb. range being taken. Blacks off the bridges have been good on fiddlers, green and clam up to 1½ lbs. with the Marine Parkway bridge yielding blackfish to 5 lbs. A few fluke still being taken on killies. Snappers good and flounder starting on bloods.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, the **Flamingo III** jigged blues all along the Jersey beach Sunday and had a good catch with albies and bonito mixed in. Tuesday through Saturday it was bait and chum for the jumbo blues running 8 to 15 lbs. offshore Seabright about 4 to 5 miles. Lots of albacore around said the skipper.

Aboard the **Zephyr** this week some very good fluking was had with Sunday being a little tough due to the high winds. Plenty of fluke still in the bays said Capt. Butch, on the flats, Ambrose Channel and at the Can with a lot of sea robins mixed in. Fluke keeper ratio now is over 90 percent, fish to 3 lbs.

We learn from Tony Fish at **Mike's Tackle** in Sheepshead Bay that bluefishing has been excellent especially on Saturday along the Jersey Coast on 5 to 15 lbers. on jigs. Sunday was slower due to winds and boat traffic but fish were baited nicely off the beaches along with a good number of albies on Vike II Lures. Night trips are producing bigger blues at 17 fathoms. Blackfishing has been good as have porgies with big porgies being caught Thursday. Nick the carpenter had 30, smallest being 2 lbs. Good fluking continues on the flats while snappers and lafayettes swarm in the bay.

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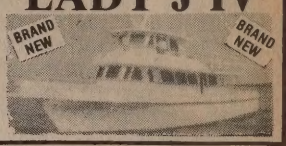

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North Shore REPORT
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The unseasonal warm weather most of last week raised Sound water temperatures to sixty-eight degrees in most places, apparently causing some bottom fish to revert to summer feeding patterns. Bluefish, some quite large, are stacked up on the east end, and are blitzing north shore harbors feeding on bunker and herring sporadically during the day and night. Porgies are great. Blackfishing should break loose with dropping water temperatures.

WESTERN SOUND

"Fishing is very good", claimed a spokesman from **Jack's Bait and Tackle** in **City Island** with plenty of porgies, particularly near can one at Execution Rock. Anglers on the **North Star** are returning with twenty to fourty fish per person, a mix of porgies, sea bass and blackfish. Locally, flounder have shown off docks and from shore, with some flatties pushing one and a half pounds. Blackfish are reliable on the rocks at Pea Island and the Larchmont breakwaters, with fish of five and six pounds jumping on green and fiddler crabs. Blues are best on bunker, whoe or chunked, at Execution Rock and No Nations Rock. Jigging was on the slow side the past week.

Phil Nasi of **Glen Cove Sport Shop** felt that blackfish catches dropped off late last week due to warm water temperatures, however, best spots were any rockpile off Glen Cove, off the piers and at the breakwater. Big blues invaded Hempstead Harbor on Thursday and Friday nights, chasing bunker. Try for flounder in the harbor. Very large, one foot long, snappers still in Glen Cove and Bayville.

Larry Ricci from **John's Gun and Tackle** felt that Sunday's cold snap should influence blackfish to feed better. A smattering of flounder showed off New Rochelle and from fishing piers from Glen Island to Muttontown. Porgies were still being taken in good numbers from shore to piers. Plenty of blues are around, most in the three to five pound range. Local anglers are looking forward t the annual showing of butterfish in the very near future.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Doc, at **Huntington Prop** spoke of blues as big as twelve to eighteen pounds which have chased bunker into Huntington Harbor. Best spots for porgies include the Eaton's Triangle at the OB or 11B Buoys, Marshall Field and Centerport. Blackfish some to seven pounds, were best on clams and green crabs at Marshall Field, and Buoy 11B. There have been flounder rumored, and since lots of worms were sold over the weekend, reports should be filtering in this week.

John Trask, a Greenlawn resident, drifted a freshly caught bunker Friday, and fishing with eight pound test line, caught a bluefish which weighed eighteen and a half pounds at **Bowman's Sporting Goods**. Janet Bowman said that large blues are

liable to crash through Northport, and Centerport Harbors anytime day or night, after bunker. Best blackfish spot on the weekend seemed to be between Can 13 and Buoy 11B, where anglers caught blacks ranging from three to six pounds on green crab.

Captain John Alberda reported all the bluefish action one could handle on the T.J. (**Sound Charters**) weekday open boat trips, with an unbelieveable amount of striped bass caught on jigs. Weekend charters resulted in good blues and porgies. On Saturday, Elliot Paulter and his friend jigged sixty blues to eight pounds, then settled in for one-hundred porgies, top weight two and a half pounds. Sunday's group, arranged by Bill Stein, caught about fifty blues to ten pounds with bass to sixteen pounds then anchored up for porgies to two pounds with some blackfish.

Eileen Fleischman of **Greenlawn Sports Shop** liked Makamaw Beach for its big blues. Terry Felton fished with bunker chunks on Saturday catching many blues. He brought four to the scale for weighing, fish of ten to fifteen pounds.

Blues came into Port Jefferson Harbor on Saturday, chasing bunker and herring right up to the town launching ramp, feeding between the boats tied up at **Caraftis Fishing Station**. Steve Poulis took advantage of this, catching ten blues in short order. Blues weighed between ten and fifteen pounds! Tim Caraftis suggests fishing for porgies inside the harbor, on the east side between Pirates Cove and the old pier. Two anglers on a rental skiff tried the spot on Tuesday, returning with 135 porgies weighing three and a quarter to one pound, while another skiff fished at Cranes Neck for less and smaller scup. Best blackfish action was reported at the Middle Ground, near the green buoy where several tog of ten and eleven pounds were caught on green crab on Thursday. Plenty of snappers are around. Flounder showed up in Mt. Sinai Harbor, from the town pier.

Captain Roy Cash suggests bringing a jigging rod along on tshe **Port Jeff Ace's** bottom fishing trips, big blues are swimming into the chum slick on most days. Bottom fishing is very good, with porgies, sea bass (as many as sixty on some days) and blackfish. The unusual seems to be a regular occurrance. On Wednesday Marge Cash, the mate, hooked into a twelve pound three ounce weakfish while the boat was anchored off Old Field. Later in the day, Niles, who gives his age as "four score and more" caught two fluke, both keepers.

Ralph Davenport spoke of big blues invading Mt. Sinai Harbor on the weekend. One of seventeen and a half pounds was caught on a snagged bunker Sunday morning right in front of **Ralph's Fishing Station**. Ralph claimed that large porgies and blackfish were caught at Middle Grounds during the week. Small, but

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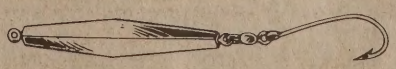

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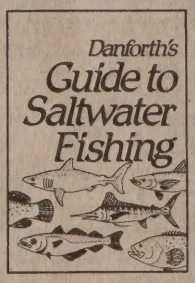

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keeper size flounder were taking worms fished from the town pier, while lots of small porgies were in the harbor.

Anglers using the new weighted popping plug carried by Warren Gehr at **Warren's Archery and Fishing** in **Selden** caught blues to seventeen pounds at Cedar Beach on the weekend. Anglers using green crabs fished from Cedar Beach caught from two to six blackfish per person, fish to five pounds. Boaters tried fishing at the Old Field Light, in quite shallow water, for decent blackfish catches on Saturday. Last of the incoming tide, with fiddler crabs, gave the best action. Porgies were hit or miss at Old Field last week according to Roy, who found lots of small porgies, with a few blacks.

Al Schreier of the **Sportsman's Center** in **Medford**, spoke of fifteen pound blues taking bunker chunks or butterfish. Blackfish are worth a shot from all jetties and rocky beaches.

Al Sturges anchored his boat just west of Mt. Sinai Inlet, and using whole bunker, proceeded to catch eighteen blues, the largest weighing eighteen pounds back at **Captain Al's Complete Angler**. Al claimed all the blues were tackle busters and line stripers. Blackfish were eating hard and soft baits at Middle Grounds, while a few flounder were caught by boat in the Shoreham area during the week.

At **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Bill Stoltz suggests fishing blackfish either at Old Field or the Shoreham Pipeline. Try using calico crabs since Charlie Wirth has had good luck with his bait when he couldn't get out to dredge hermits. Try for flounder from Cedar Beach, both from dock and pier. A run of large flounder started two weeks ago, was stopped by the heat wave. This cooler weather should start them up again.

NORTH FORK

Phil Loria was astounded by the amount of blue claw crabs that are in the New Suffolk area. On his lunch hour, Andrew has consistently caught at least two dozen fat, big crabs from the marshed near **Captain Marty's Fishing Station**. All creeks are full, most crabbers working only with a net, scooping them up. Lots of snappers still in the area.

Chris, speaking for **Warren's Tackle Center** in **Aquebogue**, felt that this cold snap will spark blackfish into feeding again, since blackfishing was good until the heat wave. Meantime, bluefish are everywhere in the Sound: Wading River, Mattituck to the rips on the east end. While a few porgies have been caught in the Peconics, many bottom fishing efforts have been hampered by maurading bluefish. Best porgy action has been the Mattituck area in the Sound, from the Inlet eastwards through Truman's

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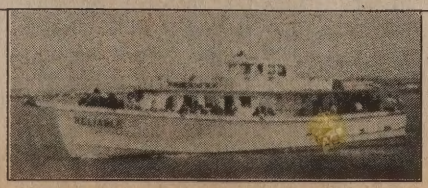

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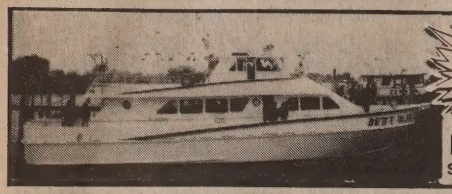

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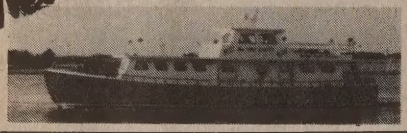

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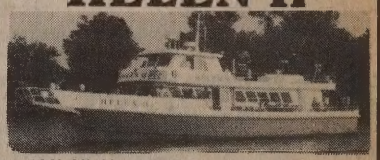

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Ron Peterson likes the areas east of Mattituck Inlet, where anglers on his rental skiffs picked up large porgies in fourty feet of water. One group returned to **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** with about fifty scup, all over one pound, the largest three and a quarter pounds, claiming that they released all the small ones! Plenty of sea bass were brought in the past week. Although most were small, one was over two and a half pounds. Blues are all over, feeding on small porgies, and can even be caught from shore at the jetties. Blackfish were hot at the Northville Pipeline before the warm weather came. Indications were for a bang up season.

Saturday's charter on the **Captain Bob**, arranged by Rosemary Fedorco, included members of her family as well as blackfish sharpies Captain John Ranis, Captain Tony Loperfido and Lorry Mangan. When it became aparent that our sought after blackfish had gone on a temporary feeding strike because of the warm weather, we switched to porgies, which were thick as fleas. Captain Rainis was high hook on blackfish, coaxing them to bite when no one else could!

Captain Tony Lo fished the south side of Plum Island with his "Fisha-lot" charter on Sunday, returning to **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** with thirty blackfish, top weight seven pounds. Ace Cottrel was impressed by blackfish catches made locally at the Brickyard and Greenlawn. He stressed that fiddlers or other hard bait was a necessity, since big porgies jumped on softer baits. Bluefish are everywhere in the bay, chasing bunker, often boiling up in front of the fishing station. Local anglers are using bunker chunks in local creeks, catching blues of ten and twelve pounds. A twelve pound weakfish took a bunker drifted at Jessups during the week. An occasional bass has been caught, often from the dock at the old fishing station. Flounders, although not numerous, are large and fat, to two and three pounds, at the

Point (bayside), with some showing in the Sound between the two fish traps. Loads of blue claw crabs in all creeks and channels around Southold.

Saturday's charter on the **Boanne II** with three members of the Bluebird Anglers of Ronkonkoma used skimmers, fishing shallow water on the north side of Plum Island for thirty blackfish of three to five pounds. Captain Pete Izzo has a couple of dates open in November. Call him to take advantage of the late blackfish season.

Ruth White of **A.P. White Bait Shop** saw fantastic bluefish action from the railroad dock at Greenport, where anglers used fresh bunker to catch five to ten pound blues on the weekend. Frank Giordio brought in an eleven pound blue, caught at Gull Pond on Thursday. Boaters are finding all the blues they can handle at Plum Gut, Pigeon Rip, and the Race. Best blackfish spots last week included Orient (near the Lighthouse) Petty's Bite and Truman's Beach for boaters, with porgies a side catch. Flounder catches are picking up in the same areas, with good catches also made off the Oyster House at Greenport's east jetty.

Mrs. White stated that local charter boats, such as **Tuna** and "We Go" are loading up in short order with bluefish, while porgy party boats continue to catch record numbers of scup. **Brand X** usually fishes the New London area, while the **Peconic Star** likes both New London and Constellation Rock. The **Prime Time III**, the only blackfish boat at the present time, is working the Gull Islands and Plum for a good pick of blackfish.

Captain Larry Ciccotto reports very good blackfishing all week, with the exception of Sunday because of moon tides and strong winds. Anglers on the **Prime Time III**, averaged eight to twenty blackfish per man, with Augie Perey of Astoria taking weekly high hook honors with thirty blacks. Captain Larry asked us to inform readers that all tickets are sold for Thursday October 16th.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Surf fishing in many areas continued to suffer through a lull as a result of last week's continuing warm spell. Judging by the reports, however, the fishing showed signs of coming back to life by the weekend and undoubtedly, the current cold snap will certainly give the fishing a kick once the gale force winds subside.

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Before getting into our regular reports, one catch this week deserves particular attention. It also serves as a good lesson in finding fish where you find them. Returning from an early morning sortie across the Captree Bridge early one morning a week and a half ago, I noticed a huge boil among a pod of bait I had been tracking on the flat, calm surface. It was at the very north end of the bridge not far from the mainland. Big weaks have long been a favorite target of mine on the mainland side and without too much thought I chalked it up to being a big weakfish. That was until I spoke to Tom Healy at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**. He told of Nick Gaudio who fished bunker chunks from the Babylon Town Dock on Thursday and Friday nights just around dark. On Thursday night a 14 pound 9 ounce weakfish found his bunker chunk. This didn't surprise me, but, on Friday night, his same bunker chunk found not only a 9 pound weakfish but 4 very large bluefish. This is the first time I can remember teen size blues actually taken from the mainland shore.

Out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch was enthused about what he described as the first decent showing of weakfish up front on Sunday night. Several casters managed a couple of fish apiece on bottle plugs. The weaks which were in the 10 to 11 pound class were mixed with some small bass. Of the bluefishing, Johnny reported that it became sporadic after Wednesday with virtually no fish being taken on Saturday to the disappointment of hordes of casters who treked to the point. Sunday was equally disappointing until late in the afternoon when a good run of 3-6 pound fish developed in Turtle Cove. Rich Simmons and Mark Reuschel got in a good inning with blues, including some to 10 pounds under the light early last Thursday morning. Several casters working after dark reported catching plenty of blues on the night tides despite the slowdown in daytime action.

Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that since Friday a lot of small bass in the 5 to 10 pound range had been moving along the

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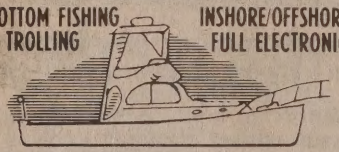

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Ten-year-old Ed Lucchesi with an 11.4 lb. surf caught weak, one of seven he and his dad Bob caught in the Fire Island surf.

beach at Smith Point and FINS. They were being taken on small blue back Rebels, Helcats and Bombers. Plenty of mullet were again being found along the beach. Mike Langdon and Ed 'The Red' managed a couple of nice weaks apiece on Needlefish during the week at Moriches. Guy Hlavac used bunker chunks to take a couple of big blues to 16½ pounds at Smith Point Thursday night.

Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** said that a couple of his surf customers reported taking some big blues on bait Friday and Saturday in the Fire Island area. Also some talk of a couple of big bass with the blues.

Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle** knew of good bluefish action Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Robert Moses and Democrat Point on bait as well as artificials. Most of the fish taken on poppers and tin were in the 3 to 5 pound class.

Backtracking a bit, Marty Beer and Bill Gordon worked the east side of Shinnecock Friday evening prior to the heavy rains and wind. They put away a pile of bluefish to 5 or 6 pounds as well as a few bass on poppers and tin.

A similar scene developed at Democrat Point according to Tom Healy at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**. Tom said that he got in on Friday's action at Democrat and knew that other casters did well at Parking Field 4. Tom and Ray Bartlett used tins and poppers to take 40 blues from 3 to 6 pounds. Most were released.

Chester Shew at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** reported that Jim Trestrail worked the Cedar Bar on Friday and had big blues to 15 pounds on plugs. Other casters were doing well with bait.

Moving to the west, Charlie Beckmann at **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** weighed a 12¾ pound weak for Tom Forster on Friday. It was taken on a bunker chunk near Fire Island Inlet. On Thursday, Andy Kmetz reported catching and releasing an

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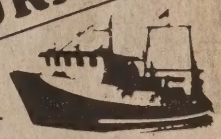

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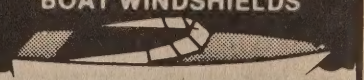

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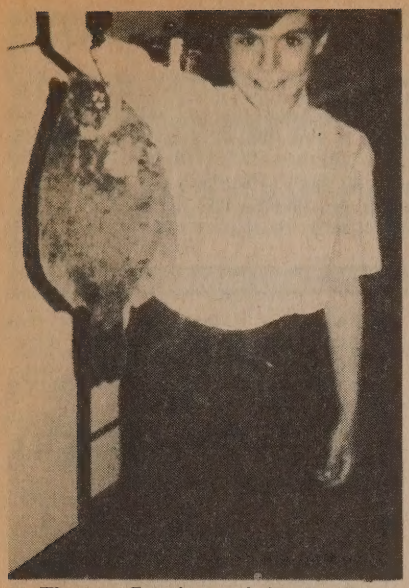
estimated 40 school bass along with a couple of 5 to 6 pound blues on plugs near the rockpiles near Point Lookout. Charlie reported that there are still plenty of mullet in the area and that most casters have been using 5½ inch swimmers like the Bomber and Rebel as well as popping plugs with a blue finish.

Joe Augeri of Gateway Striper Club called to report a 20 pound bluefish taken by fellow club member John Hanson on Friday night. The big chopper was taken on a junior Atom at Gerritsen Creek. Big blues have been herding bunker here most mornings and evenings with the fish being taken on big plugs or bunker chunks. Joe himself worked a pencil popper at Breezy Point on Wednesday. He was rewarded with a 22 pound striper. He also reported that casters have been taking some weaks and blues from the jetty at Breezy Point.

Frank Lallo who keeps close tabs on the surf scene to the west also reported on the action with big blues at Gerritsen Beach. On Wednesday, he used butterfish baits near the top of incoming water to take 3 blues including one slammer of 20¾ pounds. He nailed 2 more on Tuesday on Polaris poppers. Back on the scene early Sunday morning, he had a 35 pound striper take his bunker chunk. Frank reported that the bunker which had been very thick in the area, have begun to thin somewhat but a lot of butterfish have moved in. Another pair of casters, Lauren and Pat used Jr. Atom swimmers to take 3 blues each on Tuesday morning. The fish range from 15 to 18 pounds and were taken in Gerritsen Creek. The has also been some sporadic on and off action at Manhattan Beach. Breezy Point has seen blues along with an occasional weak on early morning and evening tides.

A letter from Vince Badame, a contributing writer to The Fisherman, dated October 4th revealed that while most casters have been directing their attention to Gerritsen Creek for

Tommy Wasilewicz shows the 4.6 lb. fluke he took back in June in Shinnecock Canal on a 1/4 oz. Al Feather's Jig.



Thomas Bender and the 3.4 lb. flounder he caught in the Sore Thumb Pocket inside Fire Island Inlet this past spring. Subscriber photo.

blues, there has been a good run of big stripers underway at Fort Tilden. Most of the fish are being taken at the big jetty. In the course of a week, Vince and another caster have accounted for 18 bass to 43 pounds as well as 12 weaks from 7 to 10 pounds. All have been taken on blue-back 7" Bombers as well as 2½ ounce blue Gibbs Darters. Vince asked us to pass the word that the fish have been there dawn and dusk feeding on mullet and they have had the fish all to themselves.

Up on the North Shore, Phil Nasi of **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reported that casters tangled with large blues at Pryble Beach on Saturday afternoon. At Center Island, Bayville, small blues and school bass were in evidence over the weekend.

Big bluefish continue to harrass bunker schools at all major North Shore harbors but whether or not the fish come within casting range of the shore crowd is always a question. Several reliable sources reported that Mt. Sinai has been alive with big bluefish with particularly good action on Thursday and Friday evenings. Blues up to 18 pounds were taken on freshly snagged bunker and popping plugs inside the inlet and along the beach.

From **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Stan Hentschel reported that Billy Stoltz clicked with a 17½ pound blue from a local beach on a bunker chunk. Gary Hall had an 18 pounder on bait while Dave Smith took a 14 pounder on a plug. Stan also had a very reliable report that a 23 pound bluefish (weighed on a hand scale) was taken from a local beach on Friday. Tom Brady from the shop has been banging 3 to 4 bass in the 24-26" range each night working a stretch of shore west of Wading River. Artie

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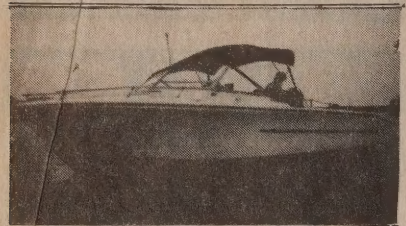

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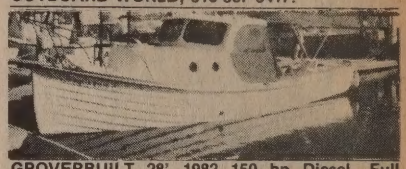

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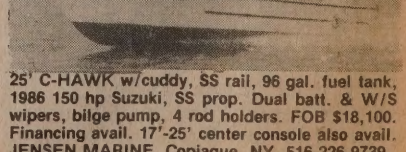

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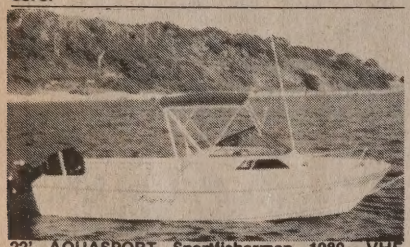

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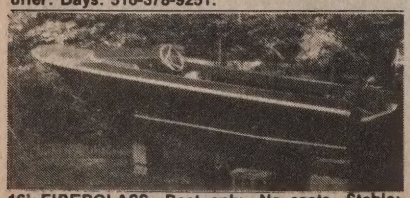

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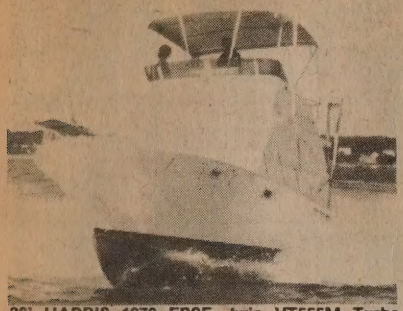

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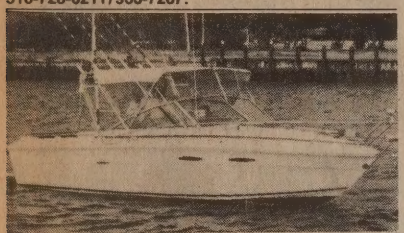

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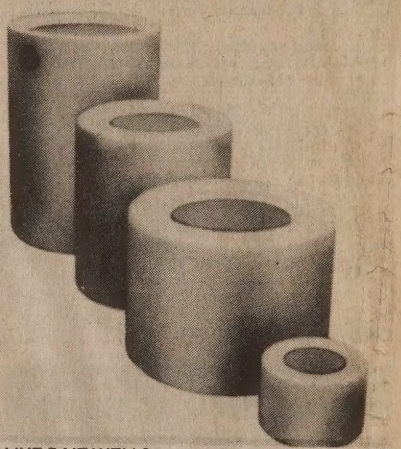

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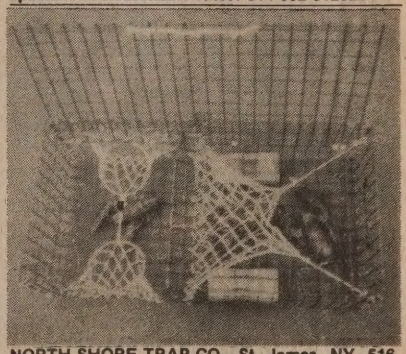

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Diebold clicked with several school bass at Hulse Landing Wednesday night. Persistent rumors of a 56 pound and 35 pound striper taken near the mouth of the Nissequogue River last week were confirmed by Stan. It turned out that the gent who caught the fish was an ex-fishing partner of his before turning his sights to offshore fishing. Finally, a message to "Big George". Your plug bag was found on the beach and Stan is holding it for you at the store. Stop by or give him a call.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

A solid week of fall fishing saw anglers score well with pickerel, trout, large and smallmouth bass, and panfish. With the cooler water temperatures, most species are now feeding throughout the day, especially when cloud cover is heavy. The weeds have receeded in most lakes and ponds to the point where light tackle is suitable for most types of fishing. Using four to six pound test setups will likely produce most strikes now that the weeds are down.

At **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook**, Charlie Beckmann reports fast catch and release fishing for one to two pound striped bass in the brackish waters of Doxee Pond. Anglers are also taking some large carp at this location. Small chunks of bunker are taking the bass while the carp are falling to doughballs fashioned from the inside of Italian bread. Over at Hempstead Lake, the water is very low but this has worked to the advantage of bass and panfishermen. Due to the reduced water level, most of the fish have schooled in the deep water of the south end where they can easily be taken from the bank. Bass and panfishing has also been solid at Grant Park.

Mike Nicolletti of **Causeway Bait and Tackle**, **Wantagh**, told us that he had a chance to work Lake Success early in the week and scored well with both large and smallmouth bass. Over in North Twin Lake, gold Rapalas and live killie baits have accounted for quite a few bass and an occassional small pickerel. Best fishing has been an hour before dark.

From Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsman's Center**, **Farmingdale**, comes word of a 2.5 pound smallmouth bass taken in Lake Ronkonkoma by Carl Caserman. This is the third report of a Lake Ronkonkoma smallmouth this season. Fred also spoke with Charles Buchard who told of catching a mess of nice crappies on worms in Lower Yaphank Lake.

A live killie fooled this 6 lb. 14 oz. largemouth for Jeff Bollbach. It was caught in the Peconic River System and weighed at Causeway Bait and Tackle in Wantagh.

At **J&R Sports Center**, **Oakdale**, Phil told us that anglers were taking some nice trout at Bubbles Falls, Rattlesnake Creek and inside Connetquot River State Park. Ron Pantol told me that he worked Rattlesnake on Sunday morning where he used zug bugs to nail six rainbow trout to 1.5 pounds. Most of the fish came from the brackish water near the college. Of the local bass fishing, Phil told us that Matt Potestio used purple and black worms to catch and release twelve bass in a Oakdale pond.

John at **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**, spoke of a quiet week on the freshwater scene. A few bass in the four to five pound range and plenty of panfish were caught and released in Patchogue's Lace Mill Pond.

Out at the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, Mrs. Devlin reports good fishing for pickerel and panfish in the Peconic River. I also had a few unconfirmed reports of smallmouth bass taken in both Wildwood and Lurel Lakes.

Up at **Crazy Chief Ski and Sport** in **Hunter Mountain**, Ken Josephson informs us that the trout season drew to a close this week and anglers are now concentrating on bass and panfish. Ken would like to extend his thanks to all who made the trip up to the shop and local rivers to sample the trout fishing this season.

From Captain Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters**, **Rochester**, we learned that most of the salmon have moved into the rivers and anglers fishing on Lake Ontario are now concentrating on steelhead trout. The better fishing is occuring in sixty to eighty feet of water where the fish are running twelve to eighteen pounds. Anglers have been trolling chartruse Rapala, Rebel and Evil Eye lures behind downriggers.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	12:25	12:55	1:05	1:40	1:10	1:35	2:05	2:20	3:45	4:00	3:50	4:10	12:25	12:55	10/9
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SAT.	2:40	3:10	3:25	4:00	3:25	3:50	4:25	4:45	6:45	7:10	6:10	6:35	2:40	3:10	10/11
SUN.	3:55	4:20	4:45	5:10	4:35	4:55	5:35	6:00	8:05	8:35	7:20	7:45	3:45	4:15	10/12
MON.	5:05	5:25	5:50	6:15	5:40	6:00	6:40	7:00	9:05	9:35	8:25	8:50	4:45	5:15	10/13
TUES.	6:00	6:20	6:50	7:05	6:35	6:55	7:35	7:55	10:00	10:25	9:20	9:45	5:40	6:05	10/14
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Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
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SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
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Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

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Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/9	7:05	6:28
FRI. 10/10	7:07	6:26
SAT. 10/11	7:08	6:25
SUN. 10/12	7:09	6:23
MON. 10/13	7:10	6:22
TUE. 10/14	7:11	6:21
WED. 10/15	7:12	6:19

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/9	2:00PM	10:35PM
FRI. 10/10	2:55PM	11:50PM
SAT. 10/11	3:40PM	—
SUN. 10/12	4:10PM	1:05AM
MON. 10/13	4:40PM	2:15AM
TUE. 10/14	5:05PM	3:30AM
WED. 10/15	5:25PM	4:35AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
10/3	10/10	10/17	10/25

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	10:45	**4:35**	11:20	**5:05**
Fri.	11:50	**5:40**	—	**6:10**
Sat.	12:25	**6:40**	12:55	**7:05**
Sun.	1:20	**7:30**	1:40	**7:55**
Mon.	2:10	**8:20**	2:30	**8:40**
Tues.	2:50	**9:00**	3:10	**9:25**
Wed.	3:40	**9:45**	3:55	**10:05**
Thurs.	4:20	**10:20**	4:30	**10:45**

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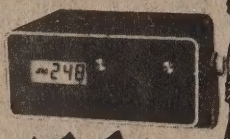

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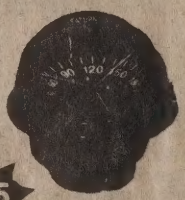

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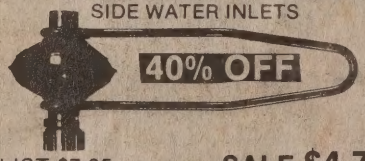

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